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MP ACCUSES FA NOT TEAM FOR CUP WOE

FAVERSHAM MP and sports minister Hugh Robertson has laid the blame for England's World Cup performance firmly at the foot of the Football Association (FA).

Mr Robertson's comments come after the Three Lions shambolic 4-1 defeat to Germany on Sunday, which saw them crash out of the tournament.

The Conservative MP said the early exit from South Africa and past tournament flops were the fault of the FA rather than the players.

Mr Robertson said: "The people who

BY JILL HURST

are ultimately responsible are the FA because as the sport's governing body, they are responsible for the England team. Once the dust has settled, the FA need to have a long, cold, hard, unemotional look at this and work out why a country that has the best professional league in the world woefully underperforms at World Cups. The players need to get away and have a rest.

"This really is an issue for the FA."

Speaking after a match that will be long-remembered for Frank Lampard's goal that was disallowed despite TV

replays showing it had clearly crossed the line, he added: "Fifa urgently need to have another look at their decision not to use electronic technology. The same arguments that it would disrupt the flow of the game were deployed when electronic technology was suggested for tennis, cricket and rugby."

Mr Robertson also rejected claims that the lifestyle of some of the England players was to blame for their poor performance, adding: "Most of our Premiership stars do considerably less partying than some of their contemporaries elsewhere."

The MP's comments were made as

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Faversham MP and sports minister Hugh Robertson has come out and accused the Football Association of being at fault for England's poor World Cup showing



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CLOSING DOWN: The community cafe in Faversham

Cafe's closure a sad day for community

BY JILL HURST

LOYAL supporters bid a fond farewell to the Faversham community cafe as it opened its doors for the last time on Friday.

Mums, retirees, carers and volunteers got together to say goodbye to the "hub of the community" and look anxiously forward to transferring to the Alexander Community Centre.

Professional entertainer Patrick Phillips has used the Preston Street community cafe since it opened in 2002. On his last visit he said: "It's a great shame. The centre has been so useful and to so many of us who come in here regularly, we've become almost like a family."

"Many people who come in here are timid, but it's such a warm place they feel instantly at home. I'm not sure that will be the case in the Alexander Centre."

"We will all be split into groups, whether that is the young mums, carers, retirees or people like me. There won't be anything like we have now. We really are losing the hub of our community."

Alan Standford has been using

the centre since he retired in 2002. He said: "I come here two days a week. I have a lot of friends here. I'm not sure what I'm going to do without it when it closes."

Mum-of-two Helen Gilmartin has been using the community cafe for three years.

She said: "All the mums love it here. It's a safe and warm environment and the lunches are affordable, so we can have a treat once a week. I hope the Alexander Centre is ok, otherwise many of us will be at a loss."

Cafe manager Cher Oddy said the centre had been forced to close after funding dried up. She added: "It is a real shame because people from all walks of life really enjoy it."

"Unfortunately our main funding comes from The Big Lottery Group, and while they are good at handing out grants for new projects, we needed money for the core essentials such as rent, light and heat."

"The small pockets of funding we get from the council aren't enough."

"All we can do now is hope the Alexander Centre will offer the same in time. It's taken a lot of effort by a lot of people to get the community cafe to where it is now."

"We've all put our heart and soul into it but I suppose we have to move with times and look forward."

£10m league plan to boost school sports

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the coalition Government launched an initiative to revive competitive sport in schools.

Up to £10 million of lottery funding, distributed by Sport England, will create a new sports league structure for primary and secondary schools, culminating in an inaugural national final to be held in the run-up to the London Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012.

The competition is a key part of the Government's plans for a lasting sporting legacy from hosting the London 2012 Games and to maximise the sporting opportunities available to all.

Schools will compete against each other in leagues at a local level from 2011, with winning athletes and teams qualifying for up to 60 county finals.

The most talented young athletes will then be selected for the national finals. Schools will also be encouraged to host in-house Olympic-style sports days, so that children of all abilities have the opportunity to compete. There will be a paralympic element at every level for young people with disabilities.

The ambition is for the competition to continue after 2012.

For details of the initiative, visit the Department for Culture, Media and Sport at www.culture.gov.uk or telephone 020 7211 6000.

Food trail puts area's produce on the map

A FOOD trail designed to get walkers visiting the Faversham area was launched on Friday.

The project fulfils a long-held dream of local businesses keen to promote the area's impressive culinary credentials.

At the launch, the chairman of Visit Kent, Amanda Cottrell, said: "Faversham and the surrounding area boasts some of the most breathtaking and productive countryside in the county and some of Kent's best places to eat, including Michelin-starred restaurants."

The scheme features eight walking trails, each taking in some of the district's best-loved beauty-spots including Perry Wood at Selling and the orchards around Teynham.

The food trails will feature the area's food and drink producers and places to eat in a directory due to be published on-line next spring.

For details call FEP manager Laurence Young on 01795 539339.

Two arrested after stabbing

POLICE have arrested two men after a pub brawl in Faversham that ended with a man being stabbed in the buttock.

Officers were called to the Leading Light pub in Preston Street at 9.20pm on Sunday, June 27, but the offenders ran off into Newton Road before being apprehended.

However, minutes later the men were involved in a fight in Gatefield Lane, when a 25-year-old man from Faversham suffered a small single puncture wound to his right buttock.

He was taken to an Ashford hospital and released after receiving two stitches.

Police arrested a 21-year-old man from Faversham at the town's Recreation Ground at 9.50pm on suspicion of causing grievous bodily harm with intent.

A second man, a 24-year-old from the town, was arrested at his home, also on suspicion of causing grievous bodily harm with intent. Both have been bailed to July 23 pending further enquiries.

A third man was arrested for being in possession of a bladed article. He was cautioned and released.

Investigating officer PC Kath Earle said: "We believe the weapon used was a 2-inch pocket knife. Although on this occasion the injury was not life-threatening, it shows yet again the dangers of carrying a knife."

"We are appealing for anyone who may have seen the fight or events leading up to it to call us on 01795 419351 or Kent Crimestoppers in confidence on 0800 555111."



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MP to fight for future of magistrates' court

■ BY JILL HURST

COURT staff have branded government plans to close Sittingbourne Magistrates' Court "absurd".

The Ministry of Justice is planning to close 103 magistrates' courts in England and Wales and Justice Secretary Kenneth Clark has recommended Sittingbourne Magistrates Court is included in the cull.

Staff have claimed the closure is just "another nail in the coffin for the district", and MP Gordon Henderson has promised to fight to keep the court open.

One solicitor told Yoursware: "It is absurd to suggest this court should close. Many of our clients come from the Isle of Sheppey and it's difficult enough to get them here. With no direct transport links to Chatham or Maidstone it's unfathomable why they'd choose to close Sittingbourne."

"We've heard it's to do with the cost of refurbishing the court, but we know it will only cost £190,000 and compared to other courts this is peanuts."

"We've also heard it's to do with disability access, but the reality is, we have far better access than many courts, including Medway which, quite frankly, is diabolical. They often send cases here because we have the better access."

"Why Sittingbourne has been chosen I have no idea. This was the busiest court in the district until they started to run it down and with three prisons on the Isle of Sheppey and the proposal to build more, it makes no sense at all."



'ABSURD' PLAN: The magistrates' court in Sittingbourne is one of 103 earmarked for closure in a bid to save money

"If the MP has said he will fight for it then I hope he does, because closing this court will be just another nail in the coffin for the district."

Conservative MP Gordon Henderson said: "As far as I understand it we are in a consultation period, and while Sittingbourne Magistrates Court is on the list, nothing has been decided. I would be very, very surprised and concerned if it were to close and I will be making representation for it in the strongest possible terms to make sure it remains open."

"It would be unacceptable for people who use

this court to be expected to travel to Chatham or Maidstone. The people who go before this court are some of the most deprived and it is unrealistic and unreasonable to think they would be able to travel so far."

Closing 103 courts will save the Government up to £15 million a year in running costs, plus an extra £22 million in maintenance.

There are almost 29,000 volunteer magistrates in England and Wales. They come from all walks of life and deal with nine out of 10 cases that come before the courts.

Police appeal to assault witness

A GOOD Samaritan who helped an assault in Sittingbourne is at the centre of a police appeal.

Officers want to trace the man who called emergency services after seeing a man being attacked in Ronalds Court on Sunday, May 30.

The 30-year-old victim needed hospital treatment for facial injuries after the incident.

Investigating officer DC Graham Sines said: "As this assault happened over the bank holiday weekend, there were lots of people in Sittingbourne town centre. Whilst we are keen to speak to the man who rang for an ambulance, I would urge anyone who witnessed the incident to come forward."

Anyone with information should call Sittingbourne police on 01795 419339 quoting reference CY/ 8709/10 or Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Jailed for taking court cash box

A SERIAL thief who stole a cash box belonging to a magistrates' court has been jailed for 120 days.

Steven Miskin, 33, of Church Road, Sheerness, admitted four offences including theft, vehicle interference, theft from a vehicle and shoplifting when he appeared before Medway Magistrates Court on June 18.

The court heard his spree began on May 12 when he stole two drills and a toolbox with tools to the value of £800 from a hardware store. He went on to interfere with a Ford Fiesta in Gillingham on May 13 and steal grocery items from a Spar in the town on June 16.

Miskin was also convicted of stealing a cashbox containing change belonging to Medway Magistrates Court on June 17.

Hit-and-run driver's licence endorsed

A MOTORIST from Sheppey has been convicted of failing to stop or report an accident which damaged three cars.

Tommy Saward, 21, of Scrapsgate Road, Sheerness, was sentenced on June 18 at Sittingbourne Magistrates Court.

The court heard Saward was driving a BMW 3 series car at Scoles Road, Minster on July 17 when he was involved in an accident.

He pleaded not guilty to both charges but was convicted and fined £350. His licence was endorsed with six points and he was ordered to pay £300 compensation and £315 costs.

Visitor smuggled phones to prisoner

A PRISON phone smuggler has been warned to expect a jail term after being convicted at Sittingbourne Magistrates Court on June 26.

Tracie Panter, 42, of Beckton, admitted sneaking two mobile phones, two chargers, leads and three sim cards into HMP Swaleside on the Isle of Sheppey.

She also pleaded guilty to giving the articles to prisoner Donnel Cartwright who she was visiting on June 9. She was released on bail pending a pre-sentence report, and will return for sentencing on July 19.

Sex offender faces jail after lying to get job

A SEX offender from Sheerness has been told he could face prison after he lied to his employers about his criminal past leading police to a stash of internet-capable phones.

Stephen James Waters, 33, of High Street, pleaded guilty at Sittingbourne Magistrates Court on June 22 to failing to provide details of his criminal convictions on an application form.

He also admitted possessing four mobile phones capable of accessing the internet which he was prohibited from doing under the terms of a sexual prevention order made in 2007.

The court heard Waters was first convicted of possessing indecent images in 2005. After being found guilty of the same offence in 2007 Southwark Crown Court banned him from possessing or using internet technology or anything capable of downloading indecent images.

The sex offender was caught out when police became suspicious after discovering he had obtained a driver's job by deliberately withholding details of his criminal past.

Using a search warrant, they seized three internet phones from his house and one from the glove compartment of his car.

In court, Waters claimed the

phones were obtained before his conviction in 2007 and he had forgotten to dispose of them. Waters, who owns his own home, said he lied on his application form because he needed money to pay his mortgage.

Magistrates heard Waters had already breached the terms of his sexual offenders order after being left alone with his 10-year-old daughter in 2009. He was made the subject of a 12-month community order, which included 50 hours work, in August 2009.

He breached this order just four months later when he lied to a driving agency based in Maidstone.

Chief magistrate, Alan Percival, instructed the probation service to prepare an all-options report to include a custodial sentence.

Mr Percival said: "We have given these matters serious consideration. The possession of four phones represents a second and serious breach of an order made by a crown court judge."

"In terms of the fraud, there was a deliberate misleading of an employer for financial gain and that is the business we are dealing with."

Waters will be sentenced at Sittingbourne Magistrates Court on July 14.

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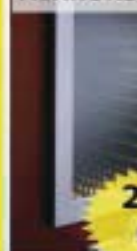
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EXPLOSIVE: The training at Shoebury, inset, involves controlled explosions to teach troops about bomb disposal

Get used to more Shoebury blasts: 'We are at war'

LIFE-saving bomb disposal experts destined for Afghanistan are being trained at Shoebury and that means more explosions being heard on Sheppey.

The news comes after fed-up neighbours in Leysdown appealed to MP Gordon Henderson about the increase in blasts at the Shoebury Garrison across the estuary in Essex.

Some people believe the noise level regularly exceeds the 125 decibel ceiling.

Qinetiq, the MOD agency which runs the training, has promised to try to minimise the effects of the blasts but warned exercises will continue as planned.

Qinetiq spokesman Nicky Udin said: "We try our very, very best to reduce the inconvenience to people on the Isle of Sheppey and surrounding areas as much as possible."

"However, the reality is that although Hitler may not be landing on the beaches we are at war."

"There is a desperate need for more bomb disposal experts in Afghanistan and we are trying to get as many through training at Shoebury as possible."

"We accept this may have led to an intensification of noise levels but we don't believe we've breached the 125 decibel ceiling."

"There is nowhere else for these soldiers to train. They are desperately needed in the field and they must learn how to safely dispose of bombs and this process includes open

■ BY JILL HURST

decimation as well as ammunition destruction which can lead to an increase in noise."

MP Gordon Henderson said while he appreciated the training had to go ahead he believes there should specialist equipment to record the noise levels at Leysdown.

He added: "Of course we have to train our soldiers properly and of course they need the proper equipment. While I am in no way suggesting the activity at Shoebury stops, this problem has been going on for more than 20 years and the noise levels in Leysdown need to be monitored."

"I have written to the Secretary of State to ask if he will ensure decibel monitoring equipment is installed in Leysdown to record the level of disturbance caused by explosions at the MOD site."

The news of the MP's involvement was welcomed by Dianne Leacock who moved to the seaside resort in November 2009. She says the explosions are so loud her house and its contents shake violently.

She added: "We are only eight miles from Shoebury and sometimes it's unbearable. We understand we need to train and support our soldiers but we believe the noise levels are regularly exceeding 125 decibels and we'd like Leysdown to have the equipment to monitor it."

• If you would like to be notified when explosions are due to take place or to raise an issue about activity at Shoebury, call Qinetiq free of charge on 0800 056108.

Cricketer to open outdoor fitness site

DEANNA Cooper, England Women's Cricket under 17s, is set to open a new outside gym at Ceres Court, Murston on Friday at 2pm

The fitness equipment has been paid for by the Big Lottery Fund and includes an agility bench, a chest press, rowing



machines and air skiers. The site will also play home to a teenage shelter.

Officials hope the equipment will compliment the basket ball court already on the Ceres Court site.

Cllr Bryan Mulhern, portfolio holder for culture, said "This equipment is a great addition to Murston, and we hope that it will encourage people of all ages to come and try it out. What's great about this new equipment is that it can be used by people of all abilities, and we hope that it encourages everyone to be more active."

Members of the community are encouraged to attend the launch, where they will be able to try out the new equipment.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

New wildlife haven on isle

RARE and endangered species are set for a boost as the Environment Agency and RSPB work together to create a new wildlife habitat at Great Bells Farm on Sheppey.

The 193-hectare site is currently poor quality grazing marsh but is set for massive improvement to attract threatened wildlife such as the Maid of Kent Beetle, the 'red-listed' Lapwings and water voles.

The Environment Agency bought the site under a legal obligation to provide compensatory habitat to make up for areas which will be lost elsewhere as a result of flood risk management schemes.

It is proposed that most of the site will be freshwater grazing marsh, but the EA said it is also investigating whether a small area can be used to create intertidal habitat.

The RSPB have been appointed as tenant managers and will work to improve the site. For details call 01903 832235/832364.

Police check isle roads

SPEEDING motorists were stopped in their tracks when police launched a series of spot checks on the Isle of Sheppey.

The island's neighbourhood team spent a day targeting drivers on the old A249, Queenborough Road, Scocles Road, Thames Avenue and Church Road in Eastchurch.

Six motorists were issued warnings, and 16 were given on the spot fines and received points on their licence for speeding. One driver was issued a fixed penalty notice for driving whilst using a mobile phone.

Advice for home buyers

AN EVENT designed to help people get onto the property ladder will be held at the Swallows Leisure Centre on Friday, July 9, between 4pm and 7pm.

The event will be hosted by Moat – the Government-appointed home buy agent for Kent.

Moat staff will be on hand to talk through a range of affordable options available to those wishing to own their own home. Representatives from a range of housing associations will also be available to discuss houses available in Swale.

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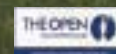
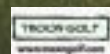
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Court jails foiled pharmacy robber

A MAN has been jailed for four years after trying to rob the pharmacy at Sittingbourne Memorial Hospital.

Luke Darren Smith, 36, pleaded guilty to attempted robbery and possessing a knife in a public place. He was sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court on Tuesday, last week.

The court heard how Smith walked into the chemists at 4pm on February 18, carrying a knife in his hand. He crossed the barrier separating the shop from the till area and demanded staff fill a carrier bag with the sedative Temazepam. When staff told Smith that they did not keep the drug at the pharmacy, he ran off empty-handed.

Police arrived within minutes and quickly traced Smith, who was arrested at 4.20pm. PC Kath Earle said: "Thanks to officers' local knowledge and quick response, the offender was in custody the same afternoon."

Frightening

"It was a nasty incident and a frightening experience for staff at the pharmacy, who feared for their safety when they realised Smith was carrying a knife."

"The sentence he was given shows that the courts take knife crime as seriously as we do and I hope it serves as a warning to people not to commit this type of crime."

Smith, who has been on remand since February, received a one-year prison sentence for the charge of possessing a knife, to run concurrently. He was also sentenced for one count of theft, two of common assault and breaching a suspended sentence for which he will serve an additional ten months.

Council wins as development agency binned

ABOLITION of the Seeda quango by the coalition Government means Swale council could now be directly responsible for regeneration of the borough.

Ministers announced the scrapping of the South East England Development Agency as part of its emergency Budget last week.

Officials now expect the management of projects such as the regeneration of Queenborough and Rushenden and the completion of the Rushenden relief road to be handed over to local authorities.

Swale council's head of regeneration, Peter Raine, said: "It's still early days, but we want Swale council to be heavily involved at the policy level. Precisely who does the hands-on work is less important and we will cross that bridge when we come to it."

"What is vitally important is the Seeda land portfolio remains a catalyst for regeneration within the borough."

Sittingbourne and Sheppey MP Gordon Henderson said he was pleased at the

■ BY JILL HURST

announcement Seeda would fold. "Abolishing Seeda will have no effect on the regeneration projects at all," he said. "The district now has the opportunity to bypass an expensive Government quango."

"I hope local authorities will play a bigger role, with Kent County Council concentrating on the strategic plans and Swale council on the regeneration of Swale."

Seeda was scrapped after a vote of no confidence by the South East England Councils (SEEC), which deemed it costly and bureaucratic. Members of SEEC, including KCC, now want the functions of the agency passed directly to local authorities.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter said: "The future is local. We need to strip away the old bureaucratic, regional structures quickly. Councils in the South East are ready and willing to take on the role of working with businesses, central Government and local communities."

"On the economy, councils in the South East are ready and willing to take on the role of



CATALYST: Peter Raine, Swale's regeneration chief

working with businesses in local enterprise partnerships (LEPs) to drive forward continued economic success in our area.

"The issue of funding to support the economy remains critical, however, to ensure lack of investment in the South East does not damage the economic prospects of the UK as a whole," added Cllr Carter.

"The South East's economy is the biggest net contributor to Government. Every year Government receives £18 billion more in taxes than is spent in our area."

If we damage that golden goose through lack of investment we will risk our fragile economic recovery and reduce the funds flowing into Government to help reduce the deficit."

Cllr Carter is calling for a meeting with Ministers to discuss the detail of LEPs and make the case for swift devolution of regional powers and budgets to South East local authorities.

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Q Can you tell us about the centre? What is its history?

A Grosvenor Hall has been many things in its lifetime. It was originally a country home for a wealthy industrialist, then a sanatorium for the care of TB sufferers. It then became a Police Training College and subsequently has passed to the Education Travel Group who refurbished it for use as a Kingswood Education and Adventure Centre.

Q Has it been a difficult process transforming it into a place suitable for children rather than police trainees?

A The process has been a labour of love for the project team and although much of the centre was purpose-built for the education and training field, it has taken a lot of time and effort to bring the centre up to a standard that is unsurpassed in the field of residential activity centres in the UK.

Q How did you first become involved with work in the educational activity field?

A I first became involved in outdoor education and activity delivery in 1987 after growing up in the Lake District and being involved in outdoor and adventure pursuits since I was very young. Over the years I have worked in a secondary school, for two international charities and in a local authority residential centre, all delivering outdoor and adventurous learning to young people of many differing backgrounds.

Q How many groups of children do you expect to use Grosvenor Hall? What are the sorts of things they get involved in when they are there?

A We expect literally thousands of young people to use Grosvenor Hall as individuals, or as members of groups, from a diverse set of backgrounds and educational needs, all requesting activity choices from across our wide menu. We deliver courses on English as a foreign language, programmes on environmental science and other areas that link into the National Curriculum at key stage two and three. Of course we also provide some fantastic activities too, for example our state-of-the-art high ropes course (that is unique in the UK) and our 3G swing, climbing wall, swimming and scuba pool not to mention our disco, media centre, laser quest arena and cinema.

Q Can you tell us a bit about Kingswood, who now own and run the centre?

A Kingswood is a major provider of educative residential programmes. As an organisation we have seven other centres in the UK and France and we are expanding to meet the demands of our increasing customer base. Kingswood has been delivering courses to young people for over 30 years.

Q What would you say is your personal favourite activity to take part in and why?

A I would be lying if I didn't concede that I love the ropes courses and climbing walls we

have here on site. Not only are they tremendous fun, but they allow for young people to learn more about themselves and others by sharing experiences and challenges in order to achieve things they didn't know they were capable of. A number of teachers have come to me in the last few months to tell me these activities have changed the lives of the people they bring to us.

Q How do you see the future development of the Grosvenor Hall?

A Grosvenor Hall will be doubling its capacity over the next year. This will mean that opportunities for employment at the centre will increase, as well as allowing us to build on the already strong relationships with local schools and community groups.

Q If you did not have the career you have now, what other field would you like to have been involved in?

A If I could have my time again I honestly believe that I would still be working as an advocate for young people and their right to learn about themselves, and others in a way which is stimulating and exciting. After nearly 25 years following my career I am as enthusiastic about continuing to provide the powerful results that outdoor and activity-based education provides young people as I was as an instructor running my first faltering session. I think it is so important to provide opportunities to educate our children in a style that is exciting, challenging and rewarding for them.

Q & A

Matt Healey, manager of Kingswood Grosvenor Hall, talks to Ed Hill about the labour of love it's been taking over Grosvenor Hall and the importance of what they are doing for young people with their activities



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Rise to 20 per cent VAT gives food for thought

■ BY JILL HURST

IF YOU are worried about the VAT hike in announced in the emergency budget, you are not alone.

Even Conservative MP Gordon Henderson has voiced his concerns on the negative effect the Government's decision could have on businesses and consumers in Swale.

He said: "I am concerned about the increase in VAT to 20 per cent because it will hit all our pockets hard and could have a negative impact on local shops and businesses, but I recognise that the Chancellor had to make some pretty hard decisions if we are to reduce the horrific debt mountain."

As well as increasing the cost of petrol, clothes, cars, white goods and services the tax will add an annual average of £33 to each shopper's basket when it comes in on January 4, 2011, but for those families relying on convenience foods the cost will be much higher.

The good news is there are ways to beat the taxman. VAT law should split your supermarket goods into two categories: essential foods, which you pay zero tax on, and luxury foods that will be subject to the 20 per cent levy.

However, the difficulty the tax man has in splitting these items means that very often you can purchase a similar product for 20 per

PRODUCTS WHERE VAT IS PAYABLE

- Hot takeaway food
- Crystallised ginger
- Chocolate coated biscuits
- Cereal bars
- Raisins packaged for snacks
- Squash
- Ready-made popcorn
- Gingerbread man decorated with chocolate (unless this amounts to no more than two chocolate eyes)
- Arctic Roll
- Sorbet
- Chocolate bar
- Nuts or fruits covered in chocolate or yogurt
- Milk shake flavouring
- Potato crisps
- Shelled, roasted or slated nuts
- Ice cream and ice lollies
- Orange juice

VAT EXEMPT PRODUCTS

- Freshly-baked food
- Sandwiches
- Ginger in syrup
- Chocolate chip biscuits
- Jaffa cakes
- Flapjacks
- Raisins packaged for baking
- Cream Gateaux
- Mousse
- Chocolate spread
- Toffee apples
- Milkshake and flavoured milk drinks
- Microwave popcorn
- Frozen ready meals
- Gingerbread men with two dots of chocolate for the eyes
- Tortilla or corn chips
- Roasted or salted nuts supplied in shells e.g. monkey nuts, pistachios
- Oranges



cent less. It's just a question of knowing which products to buy.

For example if you buy nuts and dried fruit from the baking aisle you will probably not pay VAT, but if you buy them from the snacks section you'll pay 20 per cent on top of the retail price.

Buy a hot lunch from the supermarket and you will incur the tax levy but feast on a cold

sandwich and you'll get off tax free. Likewise buy freshly-baked bread while it is still warm rather than takeaway hot food and you will save yourself 20 per cent.

Spokesman for mysupermarket.co.uk Jonny Steel agrees there are some odd differences between the types of foods that qualify for VAT, making it hard to predict where the tax increase will hit shoppers most.



PRICE HIKE: VAT rise to 20 per cent could put an extra £33 on the price of each shopper's trolley

He said: "A gingerbread man decorated with two chocolate eyes is exempt from VAT, but if it contains any more chocolate, standard-rated VAT is charged. Likewise, unshelled salted nuts are exempt, but shelled salted nuts are not."

"Other foods that come under the zero-rated VAT banner, despite being convenience foods include Jaffa cakes, milkshakes, chocolate spread and tortilla or corn chips."

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High-speed auction is still on track

TRANSPORT chiefs have gone ahead with plans to auction off the £1.5 billion-valued High Speed 1 rail network.

Interested parties have been asked to enter bids for the 68-mile line, which links London with the Channel Tunnel and is the first of the Government's assets to be offloaded in an attempt to tackle the UK's £167bn annual debt burden.

The sale also includes the high-speed stations at Ashford and Ebbsfleet, as well as St Pancras International and Stratford in north-east London.

Announcing the sale last Monday, Transport Secretary Philip Hammond said: "The money generated by this sale will make an early significant contribution to the crucial task of reducing the public sector debt."

"That's good news for the taxpayer. But the sale will also bring benefits to passengers as the successful private bidder will be incentivised to attract new operators serving new routes."

"This is part of the Government's approach to making our national assets – and every taxpayer pound – work harder."

"The Government does not have to run everything directly. We need to take prompt action where private enterprise can provide both a better deal and a superior service to the public."

North Thanet MP Roger Gale said the Government should concentrate on fixing the problems caused by HS1 first rather than finding a new owner for it.

"I'm concerned about the people who have to use the trains every day because at the moment they're receiving a rubbish service."

Interested parties have until July 9 to register their interests in purchasing the line.

'Panther' prints make anglers paws for thought

FISHERMEN are being warned to keep an eye out for a panther-like beast seen lurking around a Kent waterhole.

Eagle-eyed anglers said they became aware of the existence of the wild cat three Saturdays ago when they spotted some mysterious footprints at Burham Reservoir near Strood.

Owner Gary Dellaway said: "They were big enough for me to get my whole hand in, which is a little worrying."

"They were like pawprints but it would need to be a pretty large cat to do those. There have been so many sightings of big cats in Kent, but I have never seen any evidence myself until now."

"We also had a chap in his bivvy which is like a small tent they fish from during the night, and he reported hearing some heavy footsteps behind him."

"He said they were a sort of padding noise, so not like a human footsteps."

"He also thought it was some sort of big cat because of the sound it made. It was so close to

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

him he could hear the heavy deep breathing, again, nothing like a person would make."

"The guy looked around his bivvy back towards the undergrowth, and although he couldn't see what was making the noise, he could see the foliage moving as it passed by."

Gary, from Chatham, said others have actually seen what looked like a panther strolling along the opposite bank to where they were fishing and others have seen something take a drink from the water.

He said: "I am telling people what has happened, but they are not going to be put off their fishing by these reports."

"But I have said they need to be at least alert and on guard should anything approach them while they are fishing."

Big cats have been reported in the area before, particularly around a mile away on the busy Blue Bell Hill, and in Boxley, Lenham, or further afield like Ashford and Canterbury.

Just like UFOs, over the decades, there has



BIG CAT: Fishermen have reported footprints and sightings of a panther-like beast at Burham Reservoir

been a steady stream of sightings, but nothing conclusive.

Gary said: "There is one theory about how they could have entered the wild."

"In the early 1900s there apparently used to be a zoo at Cobtree Manor Estate at the bottom of Bluebell Hill which had large cats. The rumours are that several escaped and sightings have persisted ever since."

"The prints were about one inch deep, so whatever it was, it was heavy."

"There were a set of smaller identical prints alongside, maybe from a cub, which would suggest they are breeding."

"There's a lot of woodland around the lake where they could happily hide away."

Specialist domestic violence courts bring swift action against abusers

VICTIMS of domestic violence have been assured that prosecutions against their abusive partners will now be processed quicker than ever before.

Kent is already home to one court specialising in domestic crime in Maidstone, and next month a second will open to hear cases from in and around Canterbury and Thanet.

There are also plans for a third to be established early next year in Medway.

Priority

Roger Coe-Salazar, chief crown prosecutor for Kent, said: "Stopping domestic violence and bringing perpetrators to justice is a major priority for the Crown Prosecution Service."

"We have deliberately placed considerable time, effort and frontline resources into tackling this abhorrent crime, and I see the expansion of the specialist domestic violence courts as another example of all criminal justice agencies working together to support victims and stamp it out."

The aim of the new courts – the second of which will run once a week from Margate Magistrates' Court – is to speed up the legal process while providing a safe and supportive environment for victims and witnesses.

The magistrates, clerks and prosecutors have all undergone specialist training in domestic abuse issues, while an independent advisor from the Oasis charity is also on hand to offer expert guidance.

Mike Edwards, deputy justices clerk for east Kent, said: "The advisor is the key to



ABHORRENT: Specialist resources are tackling domestic violence in a safe, supportive environment

the success of this project because of the assistance, understanding and knowledge that will be provided to victims and professionals at court.

"Research has shown that where courts of this nature are set up, victims and witnesses have more confidence in the criminal

justice system. This enables the police, Crown Prosecution Service, probation service, witness service and the courts to deliver a better service to all and for the benefit of all."

Last year Kent Police received 21,329 reports of domestic abuse, of which 2,477 were from Thanet and 1,461 from in and around Canterbury.

Thanet has the highest number of incidents per 1,000 of the population with 19.

As well as providing the specialist courts with independent advisors, the Oasis charity also supports domestic abuse victims through the entire legal process by offering information and advice.

One victim got in touch with the charity because she feared her abusive husband would cause further harm to her and her children as a result of her pressing charges against him.

She said: "The support I was given was fantastic."

Control

"These people understood my fears and were able to offer practical ways of easing them. They made me see how I could take control of my life."

"I didn't have to go on like that. It wasn't easy – in fact it was extremely hard – but it was so, so worth it."

• This week, the chief constable of Wiltshire Police, Brian Moore, said each police force should compile a list of the 'top 10' possible victims of domestic violence – and visit them daily to ensure they are safe.

On the road to outing abuse in gypsy groups

IT HAS long been a taboo subject within tight-knit traveller communities – but previously silent victims of domestic abuse are beginning to speak out.

A report by the Equality and Human Rights Commission suggested women who reported a violent relationship had usually suffered severely and over a long period of time.

Cultural barriers and fear of being ostracised were cited as factors, where women were afraid they would be left alone and subjected to racism from society if pushed out of the traveller community.

The paper also revealed that 61 per cent of married English gypsy women and 81 per cent of married Irish traveller women had experienced direct domestic abuse.

An invitation-only conference is now being held by the Gypsy and Traveller Action Group at the Kent Police College in Maidstone to raise awareness of the problem.

There are 17 legal traveller and gypsy sites in Kent, managed by district authorities or Kent County Council.

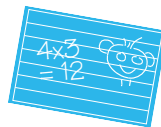
Irish traveller Mary (name changed) said: "I was married at 16 and my husband raped me on my wedding night. From 16 to the age of 27, I was sexually, emotionally and physically abused by my husband."

"I was just a slave. I wasn't allowed to have money, I wasn't allowed to talk to other women. When he'd stop beating me he'd want to have sex with me – that was the worst thing of all."

Mary eventually went to a women's refuge.

Chairman of the Gypsy and Traveller Action Group, Chief Supt Mark Nottage, said: "The gypsy and traveller community believes marriage is for life and divorce is rare. Leaving a partner can mean they face losing their partner, home, community, culture and way of life."

For help call the National Domestic Violence helpline on 0808 2000247 or Solace Women's Aid Service 0808 802 5565.



BREAK TIME

£30,000 grant to improve play area

A PLAY area on the Isle of Sheppey is set to receive a new lease of life after it was awarded a grant worth tens of thousands of pounds.

Kent County Council will distribute £1,166,707 to develop 24 play areas for eight to 13-year-olds before March 2011.

The Abbey Rise Recreation Ground, Minster, will receive more than £30,000 to renovate the playground.

The cash, from the government's Playbuilder scheme, is distributed by KCC following bids from voluntary groups, parish and district councils.

Some 12 play areas, including Wildish Road play area in Faversham, have already benefited from the cash.

Sarah Hohler, cabinet member for children, families and education at KCC said: "It is important that all children have access to a place to play. It helps to build confidence and imagination."

For details call Alex McNally at KCC Media Centre on 01622 694933 or email alex.mcnally@kent.gov.uk.

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Pupils enjoy fruits of their labour at potato harvest

■ BY JILL HURST

SCHOOLCHILDREN from Bapchild and Tonge Church of England Primary School joined almost a million youngsters around the county to take part in a potato harvest.

The young farmers planted their crop back in the spring as part of the Potato Council's grow your own potatoes project (GYOP).

Pupils at the school were helped in their harvesting by expert and Potato Council's south east potato ambassador, Matt Spanton.

Mr Spanton said: "As a nation we're losing touch with where our food comes from and GYOP helps bridge the knowledge gap. It is so important to educate the consumers of the future and this is why the potato industry continues to fund this important initiative."

"The project offers so much for pupils, but the look on their faces at harvest time is always the highlight. Their reactions range from wonder and delight, to curiosity and of course pride, as they see what they've achieved."

"After planting the potatoes in March, the children have been caring for the plants as they grow, and now have the chance to taste the results of all their hard work. Many children have never grown their own food or planted anything before, so this activity is not only educational but great fun too."

Launched in 2005, GYOP was one of the first primary school-based growing projects. Since



DIGGING IN: Pupils reap the benefits of their hard work as they harvest the potatoes they have grown themselves

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Caution urged over 'free schools' policy

EXTREME caution must be shown by schools considering a breakaway from local authority control, Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter has warned.

Last week, the National Grammar Schools Association (NGSA) advised heads not to apply for academy status due to concerns that doing so could result in them losing the right to select by ability.

They fear if grammars take up Education Secretary Michael Gove's flagship policy of choosing academy status and opting out of council control, governors could turn the school into a comprehensive without the current requirement to ballot parents.

But Cllr Carter said heads of all types of schools needed to think carefully before deciding whether to sign up to the coalition Government's new 'free schools' agenda.

Reflection

"I think extreme caution is needed," he said. "At the moment there's very little detail about what it will mean for individual schools. Let's have a measured reflection as detail emerges before deciding which way to jump."

All state schools in England have been invited by Mr Gove to become academies free from local authority control, giving heads more control over funding and staffing levels.

Kent and Medway have more grammars than any other county with 39, but the NGSA is concerned this may not always be the case.

A statement on the group's website reads: "We strongly advise governors and heads to be extremely cautious. Academies may not be legally defined as 'maintained', in which case they may lose the statutory protection of requiring a parental ballot before they are turned into comprehensives."

"Until everything is made clear, we strongly recommend extreme caution."

Rob Udberg is at the top of his game - he's a coach



VIRTUALLY all football coaches have one thing in common – they first played the game themselves – but one 28-year-old in Canterbury is working to break down the stereotype.

As a player, Rob Udberg never made it past the Whitley Bay youth sides and his attention quickly turned to coaching.

In 2006, aged 24, he became one of the youngest people to achieve the respected UEFA 'A' Licence.

His classmates on the course included Roy Keane and Peter Beardsley, while his room-

mate was Ricki Herbert, who has spent the last three weeks at the World Cup as New Zealand's head coach.

"In this country there has been a stigma attached to coaches that haven't played," he said.

"I can understand why, but it doesn't mean they aren't going to be a fantastic coach. A lot of great film directors were never great actors, but they know what they want to create and can direct the people to do what they want to do."

"To me that's no different from the role of a coach."

ON-SIDE: You don't need to have played at a high level to be a good coach, according to Rob Udberg who wants to see more people taking it up

Udberg, who played for Faversham Town, Sittingbourne and Ashford Town, is now employed by Chelsea to run a two-year BTEC course for teenagers at the Elite Boys' Academy in Canterbury, which combines coaching and training with academic study.

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YOUR LETTERS

Take the dive to help save sick animals

Local animal lovers are being urged to do a skydive in aid of veterinary charity PDSA.

Leaping out of a plane from 10,000ft and hurtling towards the ground at 120mph is certainly not for the faint-hearted, but offers an amazing experience that will stay with you for life.

So, if you're a thrill seeker and up for a challenge, and fancy taking the plunge to raise money for sick and injured pets, then please get in touch today.

Skydives are available across the UK and you can even do it for free when your raise £395 in sponsorship. To find your nearest venue and book your place, please contact me by email at fundraising@pdsa.org.uk or by calling 01952 204 791.

Brenda Smith, PDSA Fundraising Manager

Welcome mental health for veterans

The Prime Minister has instigated an assessment by Conservative MP Andrew Murrison into how best to protect the mental health of Britain's servicemen.

In Saturday's Daily Telegraph Mr Cameron wrote: "Our government takes this issue extremely seriously. Andrew Lansley, the Health Secretary, is working to bring the NHS and the Ministry of Defence closer together so that we can better coordinate the way we treat veterans with mental health problems.

"And as part of the military covenant review we will look into how we can better support Combat Stress and other charities that do such excellent work to support those suffering after service."

Mr Cameron's suggestion that GPs should contact war veterans to assess their mental health is to be welcomed. More needs to be done to protect the mental health of the guys who put their lives on the line for their country.

Tony Banks, ex-paratrooper and campaigner of services charity Combat Stress, by email

Construct training for new workforce

Results from the Chartered Institute of Building's (CIOB) fourth annual skills survey show that the industry is suffering from a skills shortage despite the recession and subsequent downturn in construction demand. A worrying 72 per cent of respondents believe there is a skills shortage in construction.

The lack of apprentice recruitment is emphasised by 67 per cent as the biggest threat to the future skills agenda. Furthermore, 52 per cent of the sample reported that the recession has resulted in a decline in apprentice recruitment.

your blogger

Ed Hill explains why this World Cup is only fruitful in one area – his own back garden...



TOMATOES 1 – WORLD CUP 0

I AM not a football fanatic, unlike a friend of mine who spends the whole season going to every game Bury FC play.

He once spent 10 hours on one journey trying to make it to a fixture against Torquay, only to discover the game had been rained off. Such dedication is admirable but the beautiful game is not that beautiful to me (particularly when Bury play it).

However, I do look forward to the World Cup. It is great to come home from work, switch on the telly and find there is something to watch other than Eggheads.

World Cup results may be hard to predict but Eggheads certainly isn't. Every episode Dermot Murnaghan says, "can the brains of the challengers defeat something money cannot buy; the reputation of our Eggheads, each one of whom has won countless national competitions in general knowledge?"

In a word, no.

The ever present Daphne means there can only ever be one outcome. She may look like a sweet old lady but she has the clinical skills of Ronaldo when it comes to finishing off the countless teams of pub league quizzers and mates from work who can't even get the right answer to 'who wrote Alice in Wonderland'?

Was it: Carl Lewis, Lewis Carroll, or Lewis Collins, who played Bodie in The Professionals?

This summer I was looking forward to putting my

feet up and opening a can of Tesco value lager, ready to be wowed by a festival of football skills from the world's greatest players, and Emile Heskey.

But for some reason I have been underwhelmed by the whole thing. Experts say the problem is all the teams are good these days. Even the lowliest footballing nation can outwit the brilliance of Brazil with a well-organised defence.

But it's not just that. What has happened to all the natural flair and flamboyance the African teams were going to bring to the party?

Even when there has been a flood of goals it hasn't brought any joy. Each time Portugal slammed in goal after goal during their 7-0 drubbing of North Korea, all I could hear in my head was the sound of shots ringing out from the Supreme Leader's palace in Pyongyang as Kim Jong-il dispensed justice to the players' families.

During the England games I have drifted off and found myself worrying about whether I have forgotten to pay the council tax again.

No, this year most of my attention is on the 11 members of my own team who I am coaching to produce a spectacular performance. I expect a bumper crop from my tomato plants; talented newcomers nurtured on the playing field of my garden, promoted to the premier league atmosphere of the greenhouse.

If there is a story in your area you think we should be covering contact the news editor, Gareth Arnold, on 01303 817025 or email him on the details above. If you want to be the next Swale blogger then all you have to do is submit an article to us (of around 550 words) and email it to the editor. And don't forget, for all the latest news and video from your town log-on to www.yoursware.co.uk.

Insufficient education about construction at school-level was reported by 47 per cent of respondents as the second-biggest threat to the future skills agenda, while an ageing workforce was underlined by 46 per cent as the third-biggest threat.

Future investment for the industry is clearly essential. But it will be pointless if we do not have a skilled industry capable of delivering projects, and that means the industry must find ways of retaining, developing and recruiting its future human capital.

Respondents called for apprenticeship and graduate schemes to be aimed specifically at the industry. This could suggest a lack of awareness, or relevance, of the current range of initiatives already on offer. Our view is that if the industry is to successfully recruit tomorrow's skilled workforce then it must increase its participation in schemes like the Graduate Talent Pool that cut across all industries. There is evidence that construction is keen to recruit that talent from outside the industry.

The worst of the recession appears to have passed, with 74 per cent of the sample expecting construction demand in 2010/11 to either increase or remain the same. In comparison with 2009, when 67 per cent of respondents expected a decrease in construction demand, this is encouraging news. However, 43 per cent of respondents expect the construction workforce to

continue to decrease, further adding to skills shortages and suggesting the industry has not recovered from the downturn.

Graduate recruitment in the industry is on the decline, with only two per cent of respondents reporting an increase in graduates, compared to 12 per cent in the 2009 skills survey. Sixty-six per cent of the sample believe graduates do not have the necessary skills to work in the industry when they leave university, though 63 per cent believe a graduate intern scheme, which would supplement those skills, would be beneficial to the industry.

Ninety-three per cent of respondents feel that mentoring is a valuable method of developing new employees in the industry, and 76 per cent of those would consider being a mentor. This is particularly significant considering 86 per cent of the sample believe the industry needs to attract younger personnel.

Michael Brown CIOB Deputy Chief Executive, by email

Score specialist sport equipment

As football fever sweeps the nation, a charity has announced this week that it has additional funding to support disabled children in the south east with donations of specialist sports equipment and wants families to apply.

The 'Enable Sport' initiative provides donations of specialist

sports equipment for disabled children engaged in competitive sport and has already helped children right across the UK with donations of football powerchairs, racing wheelchairs, javelins, and even ice skates.

Now, thanks to additional funding from Barclays Wealth bank, the charity is scouring the region for children who want to progress in sport and could benefit from a donation.

There are thousands of disabled children out there who may not be reaching their sporting potential because the equipment they need is just too expensive, with wheelchairs potentially costing thousands.

Launched by children's charity, Caudwell Children; the Enable Sport initiative was created to remove some of the financial barriers that families caring for a disabled child face.

Big sporting occasions like the World Cup naturally get kids more interested in sport and we hope that, with our support, they can take this inspiration and use it as motivation to compete at the highest level."

The Enable Sport initiative is open to any disabled child aged 18 or under and donations can be made to individuals for any competitive sport.

For further information contact Caudwell Children on 0845 300 1348 or visit the Enable Sport page on Facebook.

Caudwell Children CEO, Trudi Beswick, by email

Showing the reality behind muslim faith

The findings of a recent YouGov poll – undertaken at the end of May – are troubling to say the least.

More than 2,000 adults were asked for their views on Islam and Muslims, and the poll revealed that one in two Britons associate the faith with extremism and terrorism.

Only six per cent believe it encourages justice and 67 per cent are of the opinion Islam encourages the repression of women.

Forty-one per cent disagree or strongly disagree that Muslims contribute positively towards society. It is a shame that two million UK Muslims have been reduced to one-dimensional stereotypes, ones I cannot relate to at all.

I grew up on the same diet as many other Britons – freedom of expression, Blackadder and alphabet spaghetti. I support England in the World Cup.

As a person born, raised and schooled in Kent, and one who takes pride in my county and my country, the findings are a cause for concern.

Nearly half of UK adults think Muslims are not good for Britain, when I have always felt I was made in Britain. Now is the time to say what I stand up for – the universal values of peace, coexistence and justice.

This is a sentiment shared by my colleagues at the Exploring Islam Foundation, an independent charity that seeks to counter misconceptions and highlight the shared values of Islam.

We, as a group of young British Muslim professionals, are uneasy about the public perception of our faith and of ourselves. So we wanted to do something constructive.

Thus the concept for the Inspired by Muhammad campaign was born.

The campaign consists of posters on London Transport: on the Underground, at bus stops and on taxis. It features three individuals, each representing a value Muhammad promoted – care for the environment, social justice and women's rights.

Whereas these areas are nothing new to Muslims, they are not always associated with Muhammad or Islam in mainstream perception.

The poll findings reveal that while a majority of people get their information about Islam from television and newspapers, only three per cent obtain it from Muslim organisations.

This is where Muslims must step forward and speak out for the causes we all share as Britons. What is encouraging is a third of those polled said they would like to find out more about the faith.

The Inspired by Muhammad.com website received 40,000 hits in its first week.

It has taken time to reach this point for the Muslim communities in Britain and there are many reasons for that: they have undergone much change and faced many challenges in the past decade especially.

There's still a lot to be done, but the first steps have been taken.

Remona Aly is campaigns director at the Exploring Islam Foundation

BBC pick Brogdale for film on weather

BROGDAL Farm in Faversham featured in a special BBC weather programme with weather presenter Kaddy Lee Preston.

Meteorologists and forecasters spent the morning filming around the farm and Brogdale's own met office weather station.

The station is famous for recording the UK's highest ever temperature on 10 August 2003 which was 38.5°C.

Sally Roger, marketing manager at Brogdale Farm said of the day: "It was lovely to meet Kaddy and the team and the programme sounds very interesting – we British love to talk about the weather. "Kaddy also enjoyed tasting some of the seasonal fruits."

For information on visiting Brogdale Farm visit www.brogdalecollections.co.uk.

Swale crews prove a quick pick-me-up

AMBULANCE crews based in Swale have been praised after it was announced the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust NHS reached more life-threatening emergencies faster than ever.

Figures released by the National Office of Statistics showed ambulances reached 76.3 per cent of life-threatening calls within eight minutes last year – making it the second highest performing ambulance trust in the country.

This impressive result has been achieved despite a six per cent increase in 999 calls over the last 12 months and some of the most challenging winter weather conditions in 30 years.

Why more are starting to count their chickens

■ BY JANE CONNOLLY

MORE people in Kent are striving for the good life as the popularity of amateur poultry-keeping continues to rise.

Growing demand for ethical, free-range and organic produce has really ruffled feathers in the food industry, as consumers have become more discerning about what makes it on to their plates.

Many have even taken matters into their own hands, by turning back gardens and allotments into their own personal food factories.

According to Simon Broad, owner of Broadfeed equine and pet supplies in Tunbridge Wells, the county has been no exception to the rule.

"The popularity of keeping chickens has exploded in the last three or four years," he said. "Keeping poultry in the back garden is not new. Going back to wartime, I should think most people with a decent-sized garden would have kept them for eggs and meat."

"With the rise of supermarkets and convenience stores, it died off. But over the last five to ten years, people have become more aware of where their food comes from and are looking for a return to the good life."



The business has been running 26 years, so Broadfeed staff have been well placed to notice changing trends.

As poultry-keeping becomes more popular, Mr Broad has been helping a variety of people take their first steps into animal husbandry.

"Many keep them for eggs, so it's the same as keeping a pet. I would say the vast majority are complete novices and that's where we can help," he said.

"If your garden is big enough for a rabbit, it's big enough for a chicken. In that sort of space, you would use an ark and the more space you can give it, the better its life will be."

Collecting up the free eggs, with the knowledge they have been laid by happy hens, is not the only reward.

Mr Broad believes chickens make fun and educational pets for children, with greater appeal than more traditional choices.

"They are perfect in that they give children responsibility. They are better than rabbits because they are more interactive and interesting. You can stand and watch chickens for hours. They are busy all day, scratching around and picking things up."

To find out more about the British Hen Welfare Trust, go online at www.bhwt.org.uk. For information about Broadfeed, visit www.broadfeed.co.uk.



ADMIRABLE PLUCK: Simon Broad, owner of Broadfeed equine and pet supplies, with feathered friend

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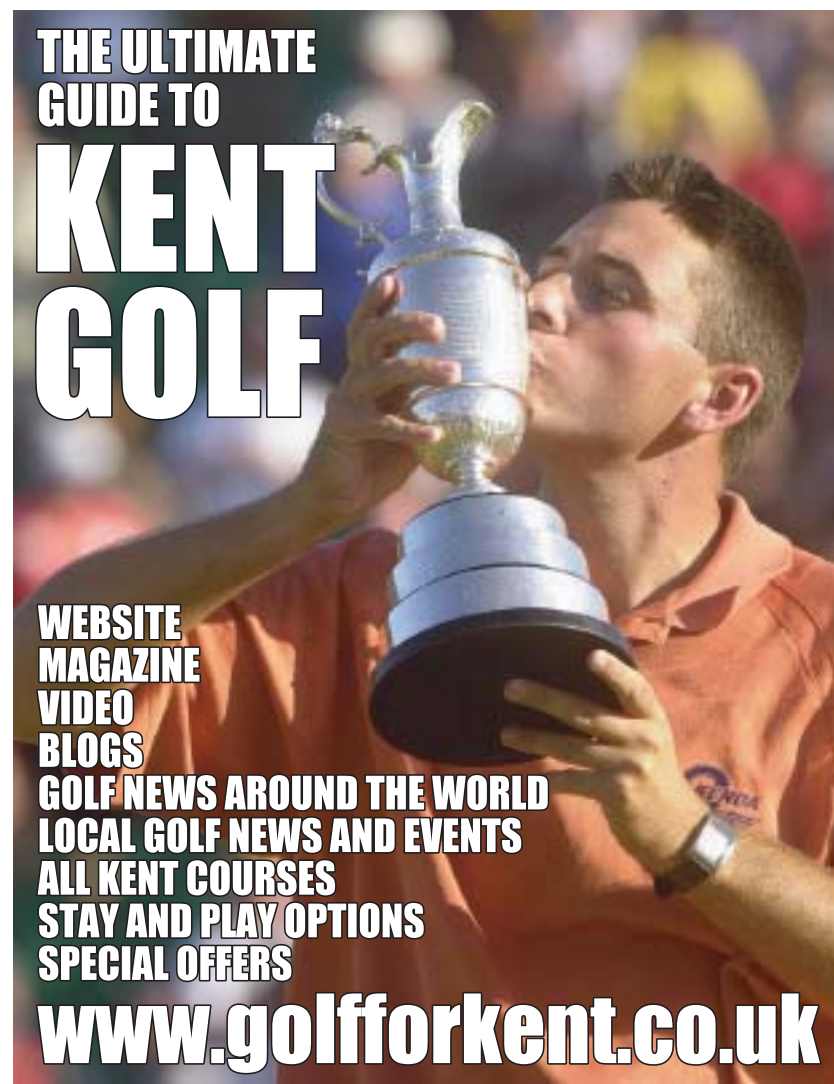
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LINDA 52, gentle, sensitive and fun loving seeks tall attractive male with big personality for a tactile relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334219

ALI 5ft 2ins, red hair, blue eyes, GSOH, likes simple things in life, seeks male who can make her laugh. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334077

RETIRED professional lady, 68, GSOH, varied interests, seeks N/S gent for socialising. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333993

35YR old honest, caring, understanding female, 5ft 6ins, seeks nice, hardworking gent for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334495

REBECCA 45, 5ft 9ins, educated brunette, GSOH, seeks tall, intelligent, caring male with GSOH, 43-55 for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379776

VIVACIOUS curvy brown eyed brunette, loving and affectionate would love to be pampered and spoilt by a tall, romantic male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334227

JEAN 53, stunning, young looking brunette seeks tall, trendy male to make days more fun and nights even better. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334225

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EXTROVERT slim, modern widow, loves dancing seeks tall, enthusiastic, young at heart male to share the good things in life, fun and romance. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334201

MANDY 46, very loving, affectionate brunette, lots of lovely curves W/LTM romantic, warm hearted male for a special relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334199

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BEAUTIFUL vivacious female seeks kind hearted, affectionate guy to come home and share relaxing evenings together. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333627

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TRACY 31, 5ft 1ins, blonde hair, blue eyes, curvy, bubbly, GSOH, 2 children, likes animals, seeks genuine, trustworthy, honest male, 35-50 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379552

SANDRA 60, bubbly widow W/LTM loving male who knows how to treat a lady for good conversation and relaxed fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333631

GEORGIE 45, cuddly bubbly blonde, seeks laid back guy to chill out, share adult conversation and relaxing no strings fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333629

61YR old lady, medium build, widow, OHAC, likes music, countryside, gardening, seeks similar male, 60-65 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334455

FUN loving female, 47, kind, caring, honest, GSOH, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cooking, seeks male, 39-49 for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334417

SUZANNE 50's, tall blonde, works hard, plays tennis, lots to offer the right male, seeks confident man who thinks he could handle her. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334205

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JACKIE 32, attractive professional, very smart and feminine, long brown hair seeks smart, confident, older male who knows how to treat a lady. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332607

ELAINE 51, petite, curvy, shy, sensitive and nicely wicked, looking to meet a well built guy for tactile, loving relationship. AKA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332605

32YR old black single mum, curvy, caring, honest, fun loving, likes nights in/out, seeks honest, adventurous, fun loving male, 35-45 with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379506

FEMALE 46, slim, likes cooking, seeks tall, caring male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379498

ANDREA 34, lovely, sensual with long dark hair seeks mature male to take a chance and share a romantic meal for two. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333607

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JILL stunning blue eyed blonde, sporty devoted footie fan, seeks tall, active guy who's not too shy to try something a bit different. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333603

ANNA 43, sensual blue eyed blonde, slim and vivacious, loves to wine and dine seeks tall, dark male for good conversation, fun and romance. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333601

SMART happy female, 5ft 6ins, likes documentaries, films, meals out, wine, conversation, seeks tall, professional gent for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332725

40YR old rock fan, likes animals, country walks, gigs, seeks kind male, 40-48 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333095

LADY 60's, slim, young minded, N/S, likes gardening, meals out, country walks, holidays, theatre, seeks male, 55-65. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332749

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BLACK female, N/S, 44, 5ft 5ins, likes cinema, cooking, seeks N/S white, kind, honest, loving male, 48-56 with similar interests. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332979

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MARY 50, petite with green eyes and dark hair, lovely curves seeks bubbly outgoing male who is full of surprises to make and keep life and love interesting. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 330887

BEAUTIFUL long haired brunette, loves life, very friendly seeks lovely romantic, younger male with plenty of imagination for lots of kisses, cuddles and possible fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 330885

PAULA 40, vibrant, down to earth, loves the sun, will try anything once seeks similar sensual male for some fresh air fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 331405

KELLY 26, beautiful shapely brunette, likes wild nights out but prefers chillin in with a nice bottle wine, good conversation and intimate moments, seeks similar. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 330863

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JENNY 23, shapely, understanding brunette, loves nights out and quiet times in, seeks tall older male who's not too serious for fun times together with out complications. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 330857

ANNE 46, slim, N/S, honest, reliable, seeks male, 42-50, N/S, slim-medium build. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 330029

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ROMANTIC country man, young 50's, tactile, artistic, GSOH, likes meals out, films, classic cars, antiques, seeks attractive lady companion. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379906

GENUINE male, 45, no ties, GSOH, sexy, honest, smoker, seeks nice female, any age/nationality/status. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 335099

46YR old male, 6ft, always a male naver a partner, GSOH, down to earth, animal lover, likes a laugh, pubs, seeks female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379940

MARK 46, single dad, seeks female with no ties for fun times, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379938

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DAY & NIGHT

Improv troupe returns

SEE laughter made out of chaos when The Noise Next Door returns to Canterbury tonight.

The acclaimed improvisation troupe creates hilarious sketches from audience suggestions. They can be seen at the Orange Street Music Club at 8pm tonight. Tickets cost £8/£6. To find out more visit www.orangestreetmusic.com.

Let dog have his day

CAPABLE canines are invited to take part in a dog show on Sunday as part of Hythe Festival.

The show, run by charity Pets as Therapy, is on Hythe Green at 10am, with pedigree and novelty classes.

Entry costs £1 per class with proceeds going to the charity. For details of Hythe Festival visit www.hythe-festival.com.

Folk singer is guest

SONGS from the traditional and contemporary folk scene will be performed by Bob Fox next week.

Hailing from County Durham, Fox is at Faversham Folk Club at the Chimney Boy in Preston Street at 8.30pm next Wednesday. Tickets cost £8 for members, £9 for non-members and are free for under-18s. For details call 01795 536857.

Songs from West End

STEP into the glittering world of the West End when Musicals in Motion 2 visits Ramsgate.

On Friday and Saturday, a cast of West End and European stars will sing songs from shows such as Starlight Express, Cats, Evita, Rent and more.

Tickets for the show at the Granville Theatre cost £13/£12/£10. To book call 01843 591750.

Pair team up at pub

TWO talented musicians join forces for a concert at the Lord Nelson in Broadstairs on Sunday.

Jazz and pop vocalist Veronica Cowper, from South Africa, teams up with Canadian-born guitarist Jamie Moore.

The gig starts at 2.30pm and admission is free. To find out more call 01843 861210.

Book for variety night

DYNAMIC young producer Joe Hodges presents an evening of entertainment at Broadstairs' Memorial Theatre.

Stardust Theatre Company will stage their third annual variety show for Sarah Thorne Theatre Club at 7.30pm on Saturday. Tickets are £7 for members and £8 for non-members, who must book in advance on 0845 262 6263 or email info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.

Night with Paul Daniels

ENJOY an evening of baffling magic tricks and hear amusing stories from Paul Daniels.

The master magician will perform illusions and take questions about his life and career at Quarterhouse, Folkestone at 7.30pm on Friday. Tickets cost £17.50/£12.50. Call 01303 858500 or visit www.quarterhouse.co.uk.



Festival fun in great outdoors

DEAL FESTIVAL

Friday, July 2, to Saturday, July 17
Various Venues

FROM classical music to horticultural delights, this year's Deal Festival offers a diverse programme of events.

Fittingly enough, this summer festival opens with outdoor concerts by three very different Kent bands. On Friday night, acclaimed soul, rhythm and blues band Rubber Biscuit (pictured top) will get the party started on the Pier Apron in Deal at 7pm, followed by performances from folk group Cocos Lovers and the Canterbury Christ Church Big Band on the seafront from 10.30am on Saturday.

Young performers will have the chance to display their skills at Deal Town Hall at 3pm and the entertainment continues with a concert by the European Union Chamber Orchestra at St George's Church at 7.30pm, which includes sonnets read by former Poet Laureate, Sir Andrew Motion.

Sunday's line-up includes a festival mass at St Andrew's Church at 10am, the Sol Trio at the Royal Hotel at 7.30pm and three young musicians from the famous Yehudi Menuhin Music School at Pines Calyx at 7pm.

Film fans can enjoy Dame Kiri te Kanawa's performance in Don Giovanni at the Astor Theatre on Monday, while Tuesday's concert at St Mary's Church in Walmer could prove to be a poignant one, as John Georgiadis will give his last performance as a professional violinist with the Cinque Ports Ensemble.

Consortium 5 Recorders will appear at St Andrew's Church at 1pm on Tuesday and give a masterclass after the concert.

Next Wednesday's highlights include a piano



recital by Sviatoslav Antipov at St George's Church and an outdoor performance of The Merry Wives of Windsor at the Salutation Gardens in Sandwich.

Next week, audiences can choose from a classical concert by students from Canterbury Christ Church University, an evening with renowned raconteur Denis Norden and a concert from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama Jazz Orchestra.

Those who would like to find out more about the area's literary connections can join a guided tour by Janet Alcock, volunteer co-ordinator at South Forelands Lighthouse, as she leads a four-hour circular walk along the White Cliffs of Dover on Saturday, July 10. On the same day, music fans can also enjoy concerts by the Pfizer Wind Orchestra and the famous Grimethorpe Colliery Band.

On Sunday, July 11, the festival will focus on Sandwich. Sir Roger Manwood's School Jazz

Band will perform at Sandwich Quay at 11am, followed by a Champagne reception at the Bell Hotel, a three-course lunch and music from soprano Sarah Hale and harpist Alex Rider.

There will also be a tour of the Salutation Gardens with the head gardener and more music from the Pfizer Wind Orchestra.

Meanwhile, the Band of the Royal Marines take to the Walmer Bandstand at 2pm and gipsy jazz band Djangles will play at the Royal Hotel in Deal at 7.30pm.

The second week of the festival features concerts by the Kosmos Trio (above), the City of London Sinfonia and the Alea String Quartet. Sir Willard White will explore the repertoire and life of the iconic Paul Robeson and the Merry Wives of Windsor can once again be seen at the Pines Gardens in St Margaret's at Cliffe. For full festival listings and to book tickets, telephone 01304 830443 or go to www.dealfestival.co.uk.





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THE CARETAKER

Saturday, July 3, Theatre Royal Margate

ONE of Harold Pinter's most captivating plays will be performed by London Classic Theatre this weekend.

Half a century after it was first performed, *The Caretaker* still has the power to intrigue, shock and fascinate audiences. Pinter is one of this country's most acclaimed, studied and enduringly popular playwrights, with *The Caretaker* being widely considered one of his finest works.

When elderly drifter Davies is taken in by kindly Aston, he soon settles into his new home in a squalid attic. He develops an uneasy peace with the well-



meaning and vulnerable younger man, but their equilibrium is disturbed by the arrival of Aston's smarter brother, Mick.

As the past emerges and the three men reveal more about themselves, they embark on a battle of wits that will have far-reaching consequences.

Pinter wrote 29 plays, including *The Birthday Party*, *Old Times*, *The Homecoming* and *Betrayal*.

The play, suitable for ages 14 and above, starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £14/£12 from 0845 130 1786, 01227 787787 or www.theatreroyalmargate.com.



PALACE OF VARIETIES

Friday, July 2, to Saturday, July 10, Tower Theatre, Folkestone

CELEBRATE the colourful history of variety with the latest show from Folkestone-Hythe Operatic and Dramatic Society.

Palace of Varieties takes the audience on an entertaining journey through the evolution of variety, starting out with its humble beginnings in the music halls of the 1850s.

Find out how a typical night in the pub might have played out, followed by increasingly ambitious and skilful acts.

Audiences can look forward to the comedy of Les Dawson, Tommy Cooper and Max Miller, all performed with tremendous skill by members of FHODS.

Part of the Hythe Festival, Palace of Varieties features musical direction by Richard Baulch and has been devised by Maxine Burrows, who has a long history of work in the entertainment industry.

She started out as 'Terry Juvenile' and has also appeared in professional pantomime in Drury Lane, London, worked as a Tiller girl in the 60s and appeared as a film extra.

The show can be seen this Friday and Saturday and again from July 7 to 10. Tickets cost £9/£8. Book online at www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk or call 01303 223925.



LOUNGE ON THE FARM

Friday, July 9, to Sunday, July 11, Merton Farm, Canterbury



NOW in its fifth year, Lounge on the Farm is celebrating with an even more diverse line-up than ever.

Alongside Martha and the Vandellas, Toots and the Maytals and DJ Yoda, festival-goers can look forward to a fantastic headline act on the Friday. Disco fever will rule when New York band, Hercules and the Love Affair, bring their sound to the Cow Shed.

Andrew Butler's group are sure to get the party going on the main stage with their blend of proto-acid house grooves and strings in the style of Gamble and Huff. Following the success of their 2008 album, the band will be presenting a mixture of classic tunes and some new tracks to keep revellers on their toes.

Electro-pop act Example will be marking the release of his second album, *Won't Go Quietly*, with what promises to be a barn-storming performance at Lounge on the Farm on the Friday, while musical voyager Jah Wobble headlines the Furthur Stage on the Saturday.

Tickets start at £40 for an adult day ticket and £20 for children. For more information visit www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk.



MICHAEL LAW

Sunday, July 4, Dominican Priory, Canterbury



ENJOY an evening of elegant music from the Art Deco era when Michael Law performs in concert.

The latest in the series of Sunday night concerts from the Friends of the Marlowe features the accomplished pianist and singer, one of the series' most popular entertainers.

With Sunday's concert, *Mad About the 30s*, he will regale the audience with a selection of tunes from Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Noel Coward and other artists from that golden musical era. As one of Law's favourite periods, the 30s provide the inspiration for an uplifting concert of elegant classics.

Law is the founder and musical director of the acclaimed Piccadilly Dance Orchestra, but he has also become a highly-regarded solo performer.

Prestigious venues have included the Savoy Hotel, Claridges, Pizza in the Park, the Purcell Room and Cunard ocean liners. His previous appearances for the Friends of the Marlowe have been sell-out successes.

Tickets cost £13, including a glass of wine and concessions are available. To book contact the Canterbury Visitor Information Centre on 01227 787787.



OUR HOUSE

Thursday, July 8, to Saturday, July 10, Winter Gardens, Margate



THE music of Madness propels along a gripping story of two potential lives in the hit musical, *Our House*.

Regency Productions presents the award-winning show next week, with performances from a talented young cast. Named after one of the ska-pop band's biggest hits, the musical is a toe-tapping journey through their repertoire, with a compelling storyline.

When 16-year-old Joe Casey tries to impress his sweetheart with a petty crime on his birthday, he faces

an agonising choice. As the police arrive, should he stay and face the music or take to his heels?

The show reveals the consequences of both choices, taking the audience on a Sliding Doors-style exploration of the very different turns Joe's life could have taken.

The cast includes Matt Sullivan as Joe along with Parisa Tarjomani, Daniella Surridge, Nathan Steven, Alex Hammond, Zahra Tarjomani and Ruby Sigurdardottir.

Performances start at 7.30pm daily with a 2.30pm matinee on Saturday and tickets cost £10. To book call the box office on 01843 292795/296111 or visit www.margatewintergardens.co.uk.



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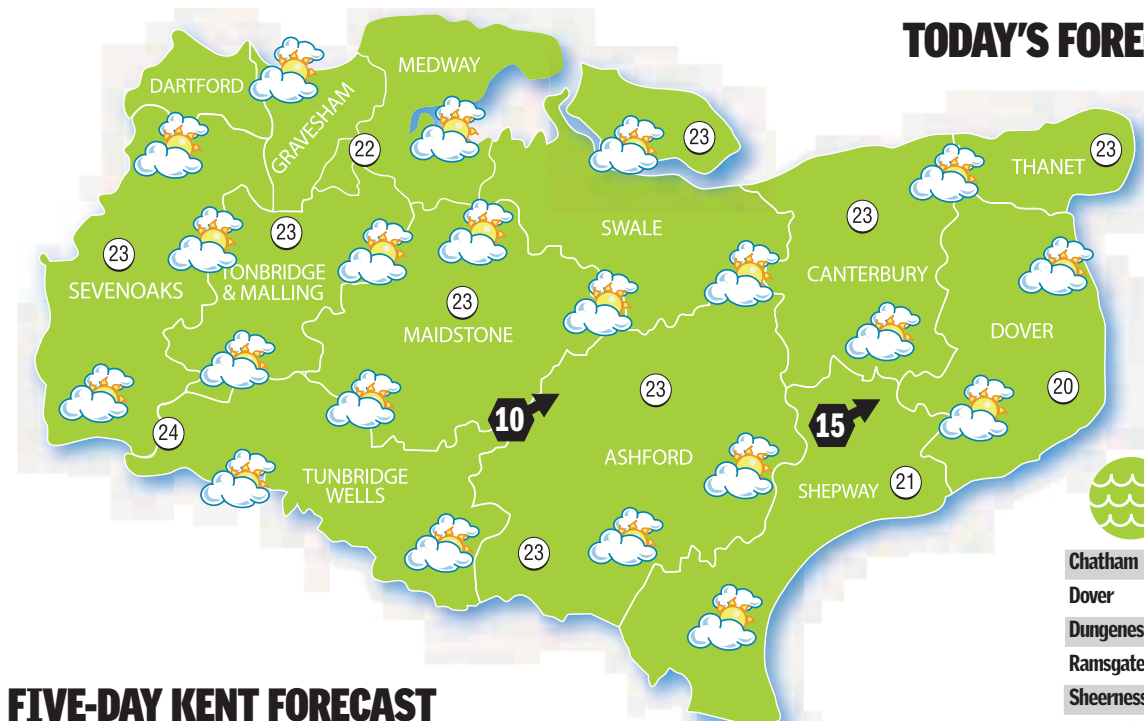
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Dungeness	Saturday	4:06pm 6.7m	Sunday	4:51pm 6.5m
Ramsgate	Saturday	4:40pm 4.5m	Sunday	5:24pm 4.3m
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Whitstable	Saturday	5:44pm 4.9m	Sunday	6:15am 4.6m

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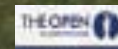
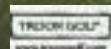
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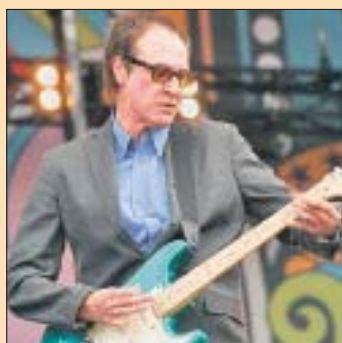
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Hop Farm tickets still up for grabs



STAR-STUDED: Music legends Ray Davies and Van Morrison will play at the Hop Farm

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A NUMBER of tickets remain on sale for this weekend's star-studded Hop Farm Festival.

The Paddock Wood two-dayer, which kicks-off this Friday, will see a host of music legends perform in front of up to 50,000 fans.

Bob Dylan, Van Morrison, Blondie and former Kinks frontman Ray Davies are among the Hop Farm bill's biggest hitters and will be ably supported by ex-Libertines singer Peter Doherty, The Magic Numbers and folk starlet Laura Marling.

The festival's second stage features the likes of Devendra Banhart, Tunng, Villagers and Kent's own blues guitarist Pete Molinari.

And the third Bread & Roses stage will include The Ruskins, Hoodlums and Billy Vincent.

It will also host a comedy show hosted by Sion James and featuring Bob Mills, Keith Platt and Ian Cognito while a campsite stage will also give acoustic artists the chance to get up close and personal to their fans.

In total, more than 100 bands, singers and performers will appear at the Hop Farm Festival during the two days.

Hop Farm chief Vince Power, who founded the Mean Fiddler Empire and has helped establish Glastonbury and Reading as globally-renowned events, is confident that this year's festival will be one to remember.

He said: "It is finding the niche for the festival. I said when starting the Hop Farm that every festival I have done has taken between three and five years to get on the festival map and for people to see it as here to stay. I think with the Hop Farm having legends mixed with great new acts like Mumford & Sons and Laura Marling is the way to go."

"It has a great location and the great thing is that it is a festival for that area. We are selling tickets down to Brighton and up to London, but people are not coming

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- 4 Craig Sheridan - 15/8, The Eagle Pub, Deal
- 5 Fred Clark - 1/9, Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone

from Birmingham or Manchester. The majority of people coming are from Kent. And I believe this bill will stand up against any other in the UK this year."

HOP FARM FESTIVAL LINE-UP

FRIDAY: Van Morrison, Blondie, Los Lobos, Imelda May, Damien Dempsey, Afro Celt Sound System, Sweet Billy Pilgrim and many more.

SATURDAY: Bob Dylan, Ray Davies, Mumford & Sons, Seasick Steve, Peter Doherty, Laura Marling, Magic Numbers, Devendra Banhart, Tunng, Villagers, Pete Molinari and many more.



LEST WE FORGET: French graves at Thiepval, the Museum of the First World War, the Thiepval Memorial and (below) a mural at Albert

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Battle scars bear witness to France's wartime heritage

■ BY ED HILL

IT is more than 90 years since the Battle of the Somme but the landscape is still etched with the aftermath of an industrial form of war that led to death on a scale never seen before.

Yet, in just a couple of days, you can get an insight into the conflict and explore one of the most convenient regions of France to get to from Kent.

The battlefields are about an hour and a half drive south from Calais. A good place to start is the town of Peronne. The town is the location of the Museum of the First World War (Historial de la Grande Guerre). Housed in a modern extension to the walls of an old château, its exhibitions show the impact the war had on all the countries involved.

The town of Albert, 12 miles away, was taken and retaken by the German and Allied forces during the Somme campaign. The town centre is dominated by the rebuilt Basilica of Notre-Dame. On top of its dome stands a large golden statue of an angel holding the baby Jesus. During the conflict the statue became an icon for both armies. The Germans believed whoever toppled it would ultimately lose the war.

Next to the Basilica, in underground tunnels used by townspeople to shelter from harm down the ages, is the Somme 1916 Museum. It is full of weapons gathered from nearby fields and you can buy objects such as rusty helmets and hand grenades from the museum shop.

FACT FILE: SOMME REGION

Time difference	+One hour (GMT)
Currency	Euro
Language	French

Ed Hill was a guest of the Somme Tourist Board (www.visit-somme.com) and travelled with P&O Ferries, P & O Ferries, SeaFrance or Euro Tunnel, Dover to Calais, prices from £44-£55 for a two-day return with car. The Hotel Les Corderies (www.lescorderies.com) is on the coast in the Baie de Somme or try Mercure Cathedral Hotel in Amiens (www.mercure.com). Ed had lunch at the Hotel De la Basilique in Albert (www.hotelde labasilique.fr) and dinner at Le Quai Restaurant in Amiens (www.restaurant-le-quai.com). Musée Somme 1916, Albert (www.musee-somme-1916.eu), Historial De La Grande Guerre, Peronne (www.historial.org), Thiepval memorial and visitor centre (www.thiepval@historial.org), Beaumont-Hamel Memorial (www.vac-acc.gc.ca), Lochnagar Crater (www.lochnagarcrater.org).



The city of Amiens, with its Gothic cathedral and lively nightlife, makes a good base from which to explore.

On day two, visit the Lochnagar mine crater at La Boisselle. The immense power of modern explosives can be seen at this massive hole in the ground; the result of an explosion on July 1, 1916, marking the start of the Battle of the Somme by the British.

Nearby is the Newfoundland Memorial in Beaumont-Hamel. Many men from the region, which at the time was independent from Canada, volunteered for the war. The trenches have been left as they were since the conflict ended and

Canadian students on government-funded sabbaticals act as tour guides.

Finally, the massive Anglo-French memorial at Thiepval designed by Edwin Lutyens is a must-visit. The 150ft tall structure commemorates more than 70,000 men from the Commonwealth and French forces.

The Somme Region is still dealing with the aftermath of the conflict. Hundreds of tonnes of shells are dug up in its fields each year and army cemeteries can be found round the bends of many of its country roads, but it is a well worth a visit to remind us when the nightmare of war becomes a reality.

MOTORS NEWS



Cable's hybrid message

BUSINESS Secretary Vince Cable officially launched the start of production of the Auris Hybrid during a visit to Toyota's Derbyshire plant.

It is the Japanese car giant's first hybrid to be built in Europe and Mr Cable said it was "a strong endorsement of the UK as a manufacturing base for the next generation of cars".

The new five-door hatchback arrived at Toyota dealers this week priced from £18,950 – it is the first and only full hybrid in the competitive C-Segment or Ford Focus class.



Mini changes hoped to make big deal to sales

BMW'S Mini has received a radical makeover for sales from August, including the line-up's first road tax-exempt sub-100g CO2/km model.

With the recent good weather some buyers will also be tempted by the first diesel convertible version, bringing a potential average of 70mpg and low emissions (105g/km of CO2) to open-top motoring.

The changes include some cosmetic detailing that make the car appear lower and wider and coincide with the imminent launch of the brand's first five-door model and soft-roader, the Countryman.



New Juke gets unboxed

BAILEYS Canterbury Nissan previews the all-new Juke crossover at its Westminster Road dealership on July 9. Orders can be placed on the night – official sales start on September 24.

Part rugged SUV, part funky sports car, the Juke (priced from £12,795) is pitched as a distinctive alternative to conventional hatchbacks – and it is British designed and built.

Baileys' dealer principal Brian Smith said: "We've already seen tremendous response to the Juke, but this is the first time customers can see a full-size car first-hand."



ON THE PROWL: Despite its closest rival the Nissan Qashqai having sharper handling, Peugeot's 3008 crossover offers great interior stowage, heads-up display and Grip Control

Lion roars a challenge to Qashqai generation

PEUGEOT'S lion logo is roaring as the market is wowed by the stunning new RCZ Coupé halo car.

But the pivotal moment for the French brand's new found assurance was the launch of the 3008 crossover (priced from £16,695) last year – a riposte to the successful Nissan Qashqai.

The Nissan's style and drive is still the sharper and you can buy a seven-seater, but the 3008's interior packaging and stowage is clever and the Peugeot's quality cabin – with its chrome and alloy detailing – is a big plus.

And there's a versatile two-part tailgate; the lift-up section allows easy loading of light items, while the lower half enables big stuff to slide in while doubling as 'grandstand' seating at outdoor events or camping.

A movable boot floor and readily accessible seat back releases add to the 'stuffability'.

Rear legroom is not massive, but the front seatbacks are scalloped for the knees of those behind and the flat cabin floor affords leg space for the middle passenger.

The big talking point though is the head-up display with speed and distance alert, as fitted

ROAD TEST PEUGEOT 3008

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY	OUT OF FIVE
Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

to flagship Exclusive models like the 110bhp 1.6-litre diesel (£20,595) tested here.

Standard fit on the Exclusive is a panoramic roof with electric sunblind; the 3008's cabin is light and airy anyway, but this feature is an all-round enlightening experience.

And so to the much discussed optional Grip Control, Peugeot's alternative to the all-wheel drive clout available – at a price – on some rivals.

Grip Control is a sophisticated traction control for the front driving wheels, with various terrain settings via a simple dial. I would have been cynical had I not seen a Peugeot 3008 used as an improvised glider launcher – see the video at Motors TV at www.carsforkent.co.uk.

At £450 it's also a lot cheaper than a 4x4 equivalent, although Peugeot will no doubt contradict itself when it launches a proposed hybrid 3008, with a diesel for the front wheels and electric power driving the rear.

While you might forego Grip Control though, don't do the same for Dynamic Roll Control – omitted from lesser models in the 3008 range.

This overcomes the car's relatively high riding position and soft suspension and delivers a taut driving experience.



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BERLINGO, 600 LX 1.6HDI With Side Loading Door, kr07xw, remote alarm, cloth upholstery, side load door, barn doors, ply-lined, adjustable steering column, abs, air bag, power steering, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, radio, white, 39000 miles, £4000, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, Jiffy Truck Hot & Cold Catering Truck, fe51dyw, jiffy hot & cold snack van, large hot display, large cold display, handwash, white, 49000 miles, £5595, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

500, Pop, 2009, white, 6 miles, £9000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

BRAVO, 1.4, 2008, blue, 55 miles, £16000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

BRAVO, 1.4, 2008, black, 55 miles, £10000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

FORD

FIESTA, 1.6 Ghia, 2007, ocean blue, 12400 miles, £7395, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Zetec Climate, 2006, amethyst, 30400 miles, £6495, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 'New Shape' 1.25 Zetec, 2009, ocean, 6000 miles, £10495, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Zetec Blue 1.4 TDCi, 2008, moon dust silver, 17000 miles, £8995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Zetec, 2000, blue alloy wheels cd changer low mileage motd till june 2011 01634 316023, blue, 51653 miles, £1300, clifford tanner, 01634316023 (PRIVATE)

FIESTA, 1.6 Ghia, 2005, panther black, 31169 miles, £5495, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Titanium, 2009, hot magenta, 3500 miles, £12995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FOCUS, Zetec, 2009, metallic-moon dust silver, 5695 miles, £18460, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 2.2, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking climate control electric windows immobiliser, silver, 50 miles, £25000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

ACCORD ES6T/NAVIPK/18INWHEELS, 2009, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history half leather trim immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering satellite navigation twin airbags remote central locking, nighthawk black, 7000 miles, £18000, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 2.2ES, 2008, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control diesel electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors panoramic sunroof, galaxy grey, 22000 miles, £12500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CR-V, EXECUTIVE, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats tonneau cover trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points, silver, 47122 miles, £9000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4SE AUTO, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors, silver, 35394 miles, £8500, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4SE, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors power steering, black, 8500 miles, £9500, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

C-CLASS, C220 cdi sport auto, 2007, silver metallic with grey full leather, 42600 miles, £16950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

C-CLASS, C320 avantgarde auto estate, 2001, silver metallic with orion grey leather, 102000 miles, £4950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

CLS, 320 cdi auto, 2006, grey metallic with grey full leather, 26800 miles, £19950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

E-CLASS, E220 cdi auto estate, 2005, black metallic with full black leather, 43000 miles, £14650, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

E-CLASS, E240 elegance auto, 2003, tealite blue metallic with beige leather, 100000 miles, £6950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

SL-CLASS, SL350 seq auto convertible, 2003, jasper blue metallic with beige leather, 41166 miles, £17950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

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ALMERA, 1.5, 2008, abs brakes cd player drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser, black, 55 miles, £16710, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

ALMERA, 1.5, 2008, blue, 55 miles, £16710, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

ALMERA, 1.5, 2008, yellow, 55 miles, £16710, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MICRA, S, 2006, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags, blue, 21090 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

NOTE, 1.6, 2008, red, 55 miles, £14100, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

NOTE, 1.6, 2008, black, 55 miles, £14000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

NOTE, 1.6, 2008, abs brakes cd player drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights half leather trim immobiliser, blue, 55 miles, £15200, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

NOTE, 1.6, 2008, black, 55 miles, £15100, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

NOTE, 1.6, 2008, red, 55 miles, £15000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

NOTE, 1.6, 2008, black, 55 miles, £14000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

NOTE, 1.6, 2008, abs brakes cd player drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights half leather trim immobiliser, blue, 55 miles, £15200, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

NOTE, 1.6, 2008, black, 55 miles, £15100, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

NOTE, 1.6, 2008, red, 55 miles, £15000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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1007, 1.4 DOLCE, 2007, cd player central locking immobiliser power steering tonneau cover twin airbags, black, 22173 miles, £5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

1007, 1.4 DOLCE, 2005, abs brakes cd player electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, almost 5000 cars in group sto, 42253 miles, £3000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

1007, 1.4 DOLCE, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning cd player electric windows front fog lights multiple airbags power steering remote central locking, blue, 13000 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

1007, Dolce, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning automatic transmission cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, yellow, 8000 miles, £5500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

106, Zest 2, 2000, peugeot 106 1.1 taxed till jan 2011 motd july 2011 42k very good condition phone 01634 316023, silver, 42000 miles, £1300, clifford tanner, 01634316023 (PRIVATE)

107, 1.0 Urban, 2008, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser power steering twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, laser red, 3408 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)



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2006 56	Sonata 2.0 CRD CDX. Auto, Diesel, Black, 15000 mls.	£8,495.00
2008 58	Getz 1.4 CDX 5dr. A/C, Alloys, Black, 100 mls.	£7,695.00
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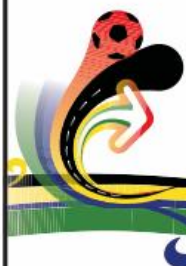
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Fragile recovery still in infancy, says consultant

PROPERTY sales figures have been changing on a monthly basis with any signs of recovery "still in their infancy," according to independent property investment consultancy Ducaliam.

The firm's senior consultant, Andrew Styles, said: "Overall, I am of the opinion that the market still remains fragile with house prices susceptible to market volatility."

"The green shoots of recovery that many predicted last year are still just as green and largely in their infancy."

However, he added that the market will definitely recover at some point, adding that it is unclear how long this recovery would take.

Meanwhile, recent figures from the National Association of Estate Agents indicate that the number of house hunters registering to look for property increased from 274 in March to 277 in April.

The number of sales agreed across the month remained strong at an average of eight per estate agency, which is the same as in March.

About 21 per cent of sales were made to first-time buyers, the data revealed.

Singles take over first-time market

SINGLE people now outnumber married couples as first time buyers, according to new research published this week.

Mortgage provider Santander found that over the last five years, 37 per cent of first-time buyers were singletons, compared to 29 per cent who were married.

This is the first time single people have outnumbered married couples as first-time buyers.

In the 1970s, 85 per cent of first time buyers were married.

Santander said it was "surprised" to find that 29 per cent of first-time buyers are married.

"This means some 716,400 people waited to find their spouse before taking the first step towards home ownership, showing traditional values die hard," a spokesman for the mortgage provider said.



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SITTINGBOURNE-based Swale Heating has welcomed the Government's recently announced energy bill, so long as it results in real savings for home-owners and the environment.

Prime Minister David Cameron said he wants his government to be 'the greenest ever'. He claims the Bill will offer a Green Deal to encourage home energy efficiency improvements.

The company said it was looking for the new administration to provide a positive lead.

Matthew Edwards, Swale Heating's sales director, said: "The recent boiler scrappage scheme introduced earlier this year effectively helped reduce carbon footprints and energy bills. It was a shame it was not continued."

"We replaced hundreds of old G-rated or worse, inefficient boilers across the South East under the scheme, which enabled householders to claim £400 against a new A-rated model. But it is clear there are many more gas-guzzling boilers that need replacing."

"We have been running our own version of the scrappage scheme since the Government incentive ended, which offers a £400 discount on all new boilers until the end of June 2010."

"There is no doubt that a new boiler helps to reduce gas bills by about a third."

Mr Edwards said he was optimistic for the future and was committed to making sure his company does all it can to promote environmental awareness.

He added: "We hope the new Bill will see home-owners in a position again where they can make both their hot water and heating systems more efficient with government help."

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Pension schemes back property

GOOD news for the market this week as a third of UK pension schemes that already invest in property say they will buy more, according to asset management experts.

Nearly two thirds of the 166 pension schemes questioned have exposure to property, 36 per cent of whom said they would possibly be increasing their weighting, while 57 per cent said they would be maintaining their current exposure.

Of the schemes questioned that do not cur-

rently invest in property, 35 per cent said they were actively considering it.

Andrew Smith, group head of property at Aberdeen Asset Management, said: "Renewed interest in property as an asset class is not surprising as investors are looking to diversify their equity and fixed income exposure."

"The recovery of the UK property market continues, with strong investment demand continuing to drive a rise in capital values."

Those schemes not looking to invest in property cited the lack of liquidity and the perceived risks of investing in property among the reasons.

Mr Smith continued: "Property's role as an inflation hedge is attractive given the possibility of inflation picking up in the medium term. However, the industry needs to communicate with investors to address their concerns, particularly about liquidity and the perceived risks associated with property investment."

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- Experience of organising and managing projects to tight deadlines, within agreed budgets.
- Good computer skills.
- A creative and an innovative individual who can engage support across all sections of the community.
- An understanding of community fundraising and event management.

Based from home and our Kent office, this role requires travel across the county, impeccable time management and evening/weekend working. You will work an average of 37 hours per week.

For an informal discussion please contact Natalie Tegg, Head of Corporate and Community Fundraising on 07717 731623. For an application pack please visit our website www.demelza.org.uk or call our recruitment line on 01795 845295. **Please quote reference KOS on all correspondence & applications.**

Closing Date: 14th July 2010

An Enhanced Disclosure check will be required for the successful applicant. Demelza is an equal opportunities employer. Rook Lane, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 8DZ



Career opportunities at MidKent College

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Front Line Events Co-ordinator

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The successful candidate will arrange, develop and deliver activities to facilitate student learning through training and experience at events. You will efficiently organise frontline events, including liaison with event organisers and Lecturers, supporting the College in the effective running of the frontline programme. Excellent communication skills and a recognised customer service qualification are essential as well as, experience of driving a minibus and holding a full, clean driving license with Class D entitlement or a current PCV license.

CLOSING DATE: Friday 16 July 2010

MidKent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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For job description and application form please contact:

Jo Edwards

East Kent Medical Services Ltd

The Spencer Wing, QEOM Hospital, Ramsgate Road, Margate, Kent CT9 4BG

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Salary: Depending on experience

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This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Closing Date: 9th July 2010

Interviews will be held on 19th July 2010

For an application pack, or to make an appointment to visit, please contact Mrs Linda Taylor, Business Manager, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent, ME2 3SP (01634 338236), stating the position for which you are applying.

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CLOSING DATE: Friday 16 July 2010

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CRICKET

BY STEVE TERVET

Kent League Division Two

Tenterden 1st XI v Minster 1st XI

MINSTER remain bottom of Division Two but there were encouraging signs from their three-wicket defeat against a Tenterden side who started the day top of the table.

Winning the toss and electing to bat first, Minster quickly found themselves in deep trouble as they slid to 58 for 5, with Scott Freeman and Timir Chanda wreaking havoc with the ball.

However, James White managed to steady the Minster ship as he hit 47, while Mike Rees (25) and Callum Hughes (34) provided some much-needed resistance further down the order.

The visitors were bowled out for 162 in the 49th over, though, and their score looked unlikely to give the division's early pace-setters too many difficulties.

Tenterden's innings was not as comfortable as it could have been, however, despite a 60-run partnership between Tim Curteis (40) and Chanda (32).

Martin Hammond picked up 3 for 43 but his efforts proved to be in vain as Tenterden finally reached their victory target with seven wickets down and five overs remaining.

Minster now have 64 points and are level with HSBC at the foot of the table, but they will be heartened by a tightly-bunched group of sides just above the drop zone.

High Halstow, in sixth, are just 13 points better off, while Orpington and Hayes lie even closer to danger as the season reaches its halfway stage on Saturday.

The Sheppey side have a fine chance to drag themselves closer to safety this weekend as they prepare for a home game against Hayes.

Islanders remain bottom but run Tenterden close



FIGHT-BACK: James White top-scored for Minster with 47 but it was not enough as they lost against in-form Tenterden

SCOREBOARD

Minster 1st XI

	Runs
Gareth Whetnall ct Berry b Freeman	11
Mark Tucker ct Freeman b Chanda	4
Jordan Weller ct Baker b Freeman	11
Lee Thwaites run out	0
James White b Freeman	47
Nathan Nichol ct Featherstone b Chanda	3
Mike Rees b Freeman	25
Callum Hughes c&b Baker	34
Paul Woodford ct Freeman b Baker	3
Adil Mohmand not out	3
Martin Hammond lbw b Chanda	4

Extras (1b 14w)	15
Total (all out, 48.3 overs)	162

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Scott Freeman	13	3	50	4
Timir Chanda	13.3	2	29	3
Mark Baker	15	1	53	2
Ryan Knight	7	0	29	0

Tenterden 1st XI

	Runs
Tim Curteis st Whetnall b Tucker	40
Daniel McDonald ct Whetnall b White	18
Timir Chanda b Hammond	32
Paul Brann ct Hughe b Tucker	5
Robert Featherstone b Hammond	4
Simon Berry ct Whetnall b Nichol	24
Darren Bailey b Hammond	4
Scott Freeman not out	12
Ryan Knight not out	12
Mark Baker did not bat	
James Curteis did not bat	

Extras (3lb 7w 2nb)	12
Total (7 wickets, 45 overs)	163

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Nathan Nichol	15	5	37	1
James White	11	0	55	1
Martin Hammond	12	4	34	3
Mark Tucker	7	0	34	2

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 2ND XI

Dartford 2nd XI v Gore Court 2nd XI

GORE Court's 2nd XI were outclassed by their Dartford counterparts on Saturday, bowled out for 152 to crash to a 129-run defeat.

Earlier, Dartford had Shaun Parker to thank for his knock of 123 not out – coming from just 97 balls – to help them post 281 for 5 from their 50 overs.

Court always looked second-best in their reply and so it proved as Lee Gray took 3 for 18, while Henry Adie's 38 was the largest contribution from any Court batsman.

Dartford 2nd XI		Runs
Kevin Webb	ct Geary b Crompton	8
Gregg Dassrath	b Pettett	36
Adam Ferris	ct Adie b Pettett	40
Shaun Parker	not out	123
Mark Baker	ct Tombs b Neame	19
Lee Gray	ct Tombs b Crompton	12
Lee Crane	not out	17
James Fitzgerald	did not bat	
Dan Supple	did not bat	
John Cullingham	did not bat	
Craig Partridge	did not bat	
Extras	(8b 6lb 10w 2nb)	26
Total	(5 wickets, 50 overs)	281

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Dave Crompton	15	4	64	2
James Newell	15	4	58	0
Simon Pettett	6	1	42	2
Henry Adie	10	1	59	0
Michael Neame	4	0	32	1

Gore Court 2nd XI

	Runs	
Ali Rushworth	ct Webb b Cullingham	5
Matt Tombs	c&b Crane	34
Sanjay Patel	lbw b Cullingham	0
Simon Pettett	b Crane	31
Paul Geary	ct Baker b Webb	14
Henry Adie	ct Crane b Gray	38
Dave Crompton	lbw b Gray	9
Matt Kingsnorth	b Partridge	0
Michael Neame	b Gray	9
James Newell	not out	0

Extras	(5b 2lb 4w 1nb)	12
Total	(all out, 49.4 overs)	152

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Craig Partridge	13	4	32	1
John Cullingham	6	1	25	2
Lee Gray	9.4	2	18	3
Mark Baker	6	1	16	0
Lee Crane	9	1	35	2
Kevin Webb	6	2	19	1

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Upchurch 1st XI v Old Colfeians 1st XI

UPCHURCH are just three points from the top of Division Three after a 50-run win at home to Old Colfeians firmly enhanced their promotion credentials.

Andrew Shirley (63) and Michael Hales jnr (74 not out) provided the backbone for the home side's total of 258 for 7, with Irfan Begg taking 3 for 77.

Begg then top-scored with 45 in the Colfeians reply, but his team-mates failed miserably and Daniel Parker took 6 for 69 as the visitors were bowled out for 208.

Upchurch 1st XI		Runs
Michael Hales	ct Khan b Begg	32
Andrew Shirley	run out	63
Adam Hodder	ct Houston b Humm	11
Theo Barnett	b Begg	18
Michael Hales jnr	not out	74
Lee Stepney	ct Tarrant b Begg	19
Sam Bewick	ct Kelleher b Khan	13
Daniel Parker	b Khan	0
Marc Bond	not out	1
Alan Collis	did not bat	
Craig Bewick	did not bat	
Extras	(10b 6lb 11w)	27
Total	(7 wickets, 50 overs)	258

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Tom Gale	9	0	31	0
Yavar Khan	10	1	43	2
Irfan Begg	15	1	77	3
Russell Humm	14	0	68	1
Travis Houston	2	0	23	0

Old Colfeians 1st XI

	Runs	
Yavar Khan	ct Bewick b Barnett	40
Doug Gratton	b Parker	12
Richard Harmer	ct Collis b Parker	0
Mark Quilter	b Parker	0
Travis Houston	b Parker	0
Chris Thompson	ct Bewick b Bond	6
Irfan Begg	ct Hales jnr b Parker	45
Peter Tarrant	run out	35
Jack Kelleher	lbw b Hales jnr	17
Tom Gale	not out	13
Russell Humm	b Parker	8

Extras	(9b 1lb 19w 3nb)	32
Total	(all out, 47 overs)	208

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Marc Bond	13	1	41	1
Daniel Parker	13	1	69	6
Adam Hodder	8	1	23	0
Theo Barnett	4	0	32	1
Craig Bewick	5	1	17	0
Michael Hales Jnr	4	1	16	1

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Sidcup 1st XI v Rodmersham 1st XI

RODMERSHAM were undone by an unlikely Sidcup batting hero on Saturday as they fell to a two-wicket defeat at Sydney Road.

The visitors posted 209 for 8 from their 50 overs, with Jarryd Gordon contributing 45 and Nick Denly then hitting 61 to boost Rodmersham's cause.

Sidcup then looked in deep trouble as they fell away to 85 for 7 but Daniel Corbett, batting at nine, smashed 85 from 69 balls to clinch a dramatic victory and sink Rodmersham, for who Kevin Jones took 4 for 47.

Rodmersham 1st XI			Runs
Kevin Jones	.....ct Williams b Lampen		21
Dave Cogger	.....b Lampen		0
Jarryd Gordon	.....b Beaumont		45
Michael Jones	.....ct Robinson b Zaman		21
Robert Horne	.....b Beaumont		0
Nick Denly	.....ct Zaman b Lampen		61
Darren Nokes	.....b Zaman		19
Kevin Beacon	.....b Zaman		2
Michael Willis	.....not out		23
Chris Ansley	.....not out		2
Naj Hashimi	.....did not bat		
Extras	.....(6b 7lb 2w)		15
Total	.....(8 wickets, 50 overs)		209

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Tim Dawes	11	2	59	0
Nathan Lampen	10	1	40	3
Hayden Beaumont	10	5	27	2
Faisal Zaman	15	1	56	3
Phil Robinson	4	1	14	0

Sidcup 1st XI

	Runs
Hayden Beaumont	lbw b Jones 27
Mat Kilbey	ct Willis b Jones 15
Phil Robinson	ct Ansley b Gordon 6
Norman Puckerin	ct Ansley b Gordon 1
Tim Dawes	ct Denly b Gordon 3
Gary Williams	ct Denly b Jones 4
Seetharam Krishnamurthy	ct Beacon b Jones 0
Tim Cook	ct Jones b Nokes 34
Daniel Corbett	not out 85
Nathan Lampen	not out 7
Faisal Zaman	did not bat

Extras	(7b 5lb 16w)	28
Total	(8 wickets, 48.5 overs)	210

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Chris Ansley	7	0	49	0
Naj Hashimi	5	3	6	0
Kevin Jones	15	2	47	4
Jarryd Gordon	15	1	77	3
Darren Nokes	6.5	1	19	1

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

Chislehurst & West Kent 1st XI v Bapchild 1st XI

BAPCHILD held on for a losing draw against Chislehurst & West Kent on Saturday, with the home side unable to fully benefit from Travis King's superb century.

King finished 165 not out as Chislehurst closed their 50 overs on 307 for 3, with Henry Stafford also adding 47 as the hosts enjoyed themselves with the bat.

James Monaghan took 6 for 60 as Bapchild came under pressure in their run-chase, but 65 from Adam Larking helped them along to 226 for 8 by the close.

Chislehurst & West Kent 1st XI		Runs
Travis King	.....not out	165
Harry Stafford	.....ct Cogger b Dale	47
Andy Sheftel	.....b Roche	23
Hetti Waruna Rajapasha	.....ct Dale b Hunt	27
Daniel Muller	.....not out	34
Greg Farrell	.....did not bat	
Wilhelm von Mollendorff	.....did not bat	
James Monaghan	.....did not bat	
Paul Finch	.....did not bat	
Paul Crowdy	.....did not bat	
Piers Hurn	.....did not bat	
Extras	(4b 4lb 3w)	11
Total	(3 wickets, 50 overs)	307

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Adam Larking	12	0	85	0
Adam Rayner	4	0	39	0
Matthew Roche	15	1	45	1
Ricky Dale	8	0	48	1
Andries Hattingh	5	0	33	0
Joshua Hunt	6	0	46	1

Bapchild 1st XI

	Runs	
Joshua Hunt	c&b Finch	23
Ricky Dale	ct Muller b Monaghan	10
Luke Mackay	ct Muller b Crowdy	35
Adam Larking	ct Muller b Monaghan	65
Andries Hattingh	lbw b Monaghan	28
Matt Lewis	b Monaghan	3
Lee Cogger	lbw b Monaghan	17
Dave Wassell	b Monaghan	5
Matthew Roche	not out	11
Adam Rayner	not out	6
Joe Cooper	did not bat	

Extras	(3b 3lb 9w 1nb)	16
Total	(8 wickets, 50 overs)	226

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
James Monaghan	15	1	60	6
Paul Finch	13	1	50	1
Paul Crowdy	12	1	47	1
Piers Hurn	5	0	24	0
Wilhelm von Mollendorff	5	0	32	0

Ryan earns his Spurs as NBA giants snap him up

BASKETBALL

BY STEVE TERVET

A FORMER Sittingbourne school-boy is set to line up against the best basketball players in the world next season after being drafted to the NBA and picked by San Antonio Spurs.

Ryan Richards, 19, was the 49th pick of the draft, having earlier impressed coaches and pundits at the NBA Draft Combine camp in Chicago.

Richards, who went to Westlands School, had stated his desire not to return to Europe as part of a deal with an NBA side and he will remain in the States with the Suns ahead of the new season, which begins in October.

His first taste of club basketball came with the Kent Crusaders (now Medway Park Crusaders), before he moved abroad to join Spanish side Gran Canaria.

Last season saw Richards spend a loan spell in Switzerland, but he will now come up against the biggest names in basketball having achieved what he always dreamed of as a youngster.

His mum, Debbie Richards, who lives in Church Road, Sittingbourne, told Yoursware: "It's always been his goal. A lot of the European teams are coming on now, but that was his dream. He didn't want to play in Europe, he wanted to be in the NBA."



"It's been really exciting and it's a really good outcome. It's unbelievable, because this sort of thing doesn't really happen to everyone. Of course, I wanted him to get picked but I'm pleased he's going to a team where they work with the younger players. Other teams would have wanted him to go back to Europe in his first year, which he didn't want to do."

Richards has represented England at under-16 and under-18 level but has never been selected for Great Britain at senior level – a fact which makes his sudden rise all the more incredible.

His three younger sisters have all played club basketball in Kent but Debbie revealed it was the influence of another sibling which started Ryan's love-affair with the sport.

"He started playing at 11," she said. "His brother Keenan came over from Jamaica and he played really well. Ryan wanted to be as good as him, so that was the start of his interest."

"He's worked hard and he had to live on his



DREAM: Ryan Richards in his Westlands school days (above) is now an NBA player with the San Antonio Spurs

own from the age of 17, which isn't easy. It's not all been plain sailing, he's had a few injuries but he's stayed focused. I don't see him a great deal but he comes home at Christmas and at the end of the season."

CRICKET



STAND: Rob Key (left) and Martin van Jaarsveld

Spitfires' skipper in inspired form as win keeps t20 hopes alive

ROB Key's unbeaten knock of 98 at Hove helped the Kent Spitfires to a 27-run win and keeps their slim hopes of qualification for the knockout stages of the Friends Provident t20 alive.

The Spitfires inflicted just a second defeat on South Group leaders Sussex at Hove on Sunday evening, leaving Key's side four points behind the all-important top-four.

Opener Joe Denly returned after a four-game absence, and along with Key set the Spitfires on their way to a winning total of 194 for 1. Denly (38) shared in an opening stand of 90 with Key before being run out, but that was the only success for the home side, who were unable to dislodge Key and Martin van Jaarsveld. The latter finished unbeaten on 53, but it was the skipper who took all the plaudits, ending just two runs shy of a deserved hundred off just 55 balls.

In reply, 19-year-old seamer Matt Coles was the pick of the bowling attack as he helped restrict the Sussex Sharks to 167 for 9. Coles claimed 3 for 30 from his four overs, which included the important wicket of Murray Goodwin, as the league leaders struggled to match Kent's scoring rate.

The win proved vital for the Spitfires after they had suffered a 13-run defeat against Middlesex at Lord's on Friday evening, in a game that marked the debut of 19-year-old seamer Ashley Shaw.

The majority of Kent's first-team squad took a much-needed few days off this week as several youngsters were employed for the tourist match against Pakistan.

The game, which ends today, saw a first-team debut for Chris Piesley, together with welcome returns for seamers Robbie Joseph and Dewald Nel, much to the delight of head coach Paul Farbrace, who said: "When we go to the Rose Bowl in the championship next week, we could be in the fantastic position of having Joseph and Anjad Khan in our side which would be great."



Picture ALTHEA RACING

SLOW LAP: Shane Byrne left himself with too much to do

Shakey improves but leaves too much to do

SUPERBIKES

A POOR performance in qualifying cost Shane Byrne dear at the latest round of the World Superbike Championship in Misano, Italy.

The Sheppey rider was 15th-fastest and had to start on the fourth row of the grid, leaving him too much work to do as he attempted to carve his way through the field.

He finished ninth in race one, well behind his Althea team-mate Carlos Checa, who rode to second place and a podium spot, behind Max Biaggi.

Byrne picked up two places in the second race, but once again it was Checa who took the plaudits as he came in fifth to complete a strong weekend for himself and the team.

Althea general manager Genesio Bevilacqua said: "Race one was hard-fought. Ahead of us were some consistent riders on high-performance bikes. In race one, Byrne showed us that he's back on form but he can undoubtedly improve further."

"In race two, Shane continued to ride with determination, obtaining a better result than in race one. All in all, it's been a positive weekend and I'd like to thank the entire team for the great work carried out here."

Byrne remains 12th in the standings ahead of the next round, which takes place in the Czech Republic next weekend (July 11).



BACK HOME: Woodstock could be Norton Sports' full-time home after planning permission was granted

Norton edge closer to Woodstock relocation

FOOTBALL

NORTON Sports are a huge step closer to moving back to Swale after planning permission was granted for the development of Woodstock Park.

Already the base for Norton's pre-season friendlies, Woodstock could now become the club's permanent home, with the Kent League and the FA now to confirm whether they can move in time for the new season.

The ground, on Broad Oak Road in Sittingbourne, needs floodlights, turnstiles and a new stand in order to meet league standards, but Norton chairman Colin Page is hopeful they will be given time to implement the changes.

He said: "The council approved the planning application for Woodstock on Thursday so we have that safely tucked away."

"We are now having discussions with the league and the FA to see what they need us to put in place and what leeway there is for certain things to be done in a reasonable time-frame."

"It's not just for us, it's a step in the right



Picture JONAS KIPROO

direction for the local community to have this facility in place. Woodstock is used by numerous other teams and I hope this gives a kick to local soccer. The planners and members of the committee felt it was something beneficial to the community."

Norton have ground-shared with Herne Bay for the past two seasons and should the Woodstock move not come in immediately, they will return to Winch's Field next season.

Page said: "We desperately want to play at Woodstock. We know we can't play there for the FA competitions, but Herne Bay are very understanding and they're happy for us to play those games there."

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